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1                   [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION  
2                   TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010 BEGINS ON PAGE 160.]

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8   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THIS  
9 MORNING'S MEETING WITH OUR INVOCATION THAT WILL BE LED THIS  
10 MORNING BY PASTOR RON BOYER FROM THE TOPANGA CHRISTIAN  
11 FELLOWSHIP. OUR PLEDGE THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY AUBREY  
12 RICHARDSON, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS.  
13 WOULD YOU ALL PLEASE STAND? PASTOR?

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15 **PASTOR RON BOYER:** GREAT SPIRIT, CREATOR OF ALL, WE INVOKE YOUR  
16 PRESENCE HERE TODAY. YOU WHO ARE CLOTHED IN LIGHT, WHO CALLS  
17 YOURSELF LOVE, CONSIDER TODAY OUR REQUESTS AND SEE OUR HEARTS.  
18 I ASK TODAY FOR YOUR SUPERNATURAL WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING TO  
19 FALL ON EACH OF THESE BOARD MEMBERS TODAY. I ASK FOR WISDOM  
20 AND UNDERSTANDING THAT COMES FROM THE DIVINE REALM, A PLACE  
21 WHERE JOY HAS BEEN MADE PERFECT. I ASK FOR ILLUMINATION, FOR  
22 THE ABILITY TO SEE, NOT JUST TO SEE WITH OUR EYES, BUT TO SEE.  
23 I ASK FOR GREATER ABILITY TO SEE PEOPLE, TO SEE FAR BEYOND  
24 PERSONAL INTERESTS AND POLITICAL CAREERS, TO SEE THE HEART OF  
25 THE ISSUES THAT ARE HERE BEFORE US TODAY. I ASK FOR



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1 EMPOWERMENT, FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF YOUR PRESENCE AND FOR THE  
2 EMPOWERMENT OF REAL LOVE. I PRAY THAT OUR EMPOWERMENT WOULD  
3 RESULT IN THE EMPOWERMENT OF OTHERS, THAT HOPE WOULD REIGN AND  
4 THAT JUSTICE AND HONOR WOULD RULE THE DAY. FINALLY, GREAT  
5 SPIRIT, I THANK YOU FOR THE PUBLIC SERVANTS THAT ARE GATHERED  
6 HERE TODAY TO DO THE BIDDING OF THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES  
7 COUNTY. SEE THE PASSION OF THEIR HEARTS, HOW THEY HAVE  
8 STRUGGLED AND SACRIFICED IN ORDER TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY THAT  
9 THEY LOVE. FULFILL THE DESIRE OF THEIR HEARTS, THE DESIRE TO  
10 SEE A BETTER COMMUNITY TO LIVE IN. SEE THE VISION OF THEIR  
11 HEARTS, HOW THEY CAN SEE HOW THIS GREAT METROPOLITAN AREA OF  
12 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN BE, EVEN HOW IT SHOULD BE. FULFILL THE  
13 DESIRES OF THEIR HEARTS AND BLESS THEM. AND LAST AND MOST  
14 IMPORTANTLY, I PRAY FOR BLUE SKIES AND NO WILDFIRES. AMEN.

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16 **ALL:** AMEN.

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18 **AUBREY RICHARDSON:** PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

19 [ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND  
24 COLLEAGUES. WE'RE PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US AUBREY RICHARDSON,  
25 WHO HAS LIVED IN THE SECOND DISTRICT FOR 10 YEARS AND



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1 REPRESENTS DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS. HE SERVED AS A  
2 RECRUITER AND PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS IN THE UNITED STATES  
3 NAVY AT THE RECRUITING STATION HERE IN LOS ANGELES. HE  
4 RECEIVED A NUMBER OF AWARDS AND DECORATIONS THAT INCLUDE A  
5 JOINT MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD, NAVY COMMENDATION AND  
6 ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS, A GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL AND A NATIONAL  
7 DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, AMONG MANY OTHERS. MR. RICHARDSON IS A  
8 MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION WORKER WITH THE LOS ANGELES  
9 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION. HE'S BEEN MARRIED TO HIS  
10 WIFE, SHEILA, FOR SOME 30 YEARS AND THEY HAVE ONE CHILD. HE  
11 GRADUATED FROM PALISADES HIGH SCHOOL IN PACIFIC PALISADES. AND  
12 SO WE SAY TO YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING WITH US TODAY,  
13 MR. RICHARDSON, AND PROVIDING US AND LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE  
14 OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR NATION. AUBREY RICHARDSON, LADIES AND  
15 GENTLEMEN. [ APPLAUSE ]

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. I'M GOING TO ASK AT THIS  
18 TIME FOR OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
21 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE  
22 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D  
23 THROUGH 5-D. ON ITEMS 1-D THROUGH 3-D, WE WILL HOLD THESE  
24 ITEMS FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 7. ON ITEMS NO. 4-D AND

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1 5-D, WHICH WERE POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THESE ITEMS  
2 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY MYSELF, SECONDED BY  
5 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 7, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING  
8 OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. ON ITEM NO. 1-H, WE WILL HOLD THIS  
9 ITEM FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 7. ON PAGE 8, AGENDA FOR  
10 THE MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS FINANCE AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 1-  
11 P, WE WILL HOLD THIS ITEM FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 11.  
12 ON PAGE 9, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS NO. 1 THROUGH 11. ON ITEM  
13 NO. 3, THE APPLICANT HAS WITHDRAWN HIS APPEAL, THEREFORE THE  
14 PROCEEDINGS MAY BE ABANDONED. ITEM NO. 3. THE REMAINING ITEMS  
15 UNDER THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR THE PUBLIC  
16 HEARINGS. WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 14, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD  
17 OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 12 THROUGH 17, AND THOSE ITEMS ARE  
18 BEFORE YOU.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY  
21 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE ON PAGE 16, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS  
24 18 THROUGH 26. ON ITEM NO. 18, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS  
25 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 20, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM



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1 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 21,  
2 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
3 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 22, WE WILL HOLD THIS ITEM FOR FOUR VOTES.  
4 ON ITEM NO. 23, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM  
5 BE HELD. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR  
6 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON THOSE ITEMS, MOVED BY  
9 SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF  
10 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEM NO. 27.  
13 THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, SALARIES OF THE LOS  
14 ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE MANAGEMENT APPRAISAL AND  
15 PERFORMANCE PLAN. AND ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
16 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS NO.  
17 28 AND 29, WE WILL HOLD BOTH OF THESE ITEMS FOR THE PUBLIC  
18 HEARING TODAY. ON PAGE 20, MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO TO THE  
19 AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE  
20 MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 30-A.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED  
23 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

24





1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 22, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ON  
2 ITEM NO. CS-1, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
3 TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEMS NO. CS-2 AND CS-3, WHICH WERE  
4 POSTED -- EXCUSE ME, CS-2 HAD A REVISION TO THE POSTING AND ON  
5 ITEM NO. CS-3, BOTH OF THOSE ITEMS ARE BEING HELD FOR MEMBERS  
6 OF THE PUBLIC.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. WE WILL HOLD THOSE ITEMS.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE AGENDA. BOARD OF  
11 SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGINS WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT  
12 NUMBER 4.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. COULD WE INCLUDE SUPERVISOR  
15 YAROSLAVSKY AS AN AYE VOTE? AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THOSE CONSENT ITEMS. OKAY. VERY GOOD.  
20 BEFORE WE GET TOGETHER ON ALL OF THE PRESENTATIONS, SUPERVISOR  
21 YAROSLAVSKY HAS A PRESENTATION FOR THE PASTOR THIS MORNING.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, WE WERE LED IN THE  
24 INVOCATION THIS MORNING -- GOOD MORNING -- BY PASTOR RON  
25 BOYER, WHO BECAME SENIOR PASTOR AT TOPANGA CHRISTIAN



1 FELLOWSHIP IN JANUARY OF LAST YEAR. PASTOR BOYER WAS ORDAINED  
2 A MINISTER BY THE ASSOCIATION OF VINEYARD CHURCHES IN 1998 AND  
3 RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN COUNSELING, PSYCHOLOGY FROM  
4 THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI IN 2001. IN HIS MINISTRY, PASTOR  
5 BOYER WORKS PRIMARILY WITH RECOVERY, INTENSIVE EMOTIONAL  
6 HEALING GROUPS, AS WELL AS SPEAKING AT CONFERENCES FOCUSING ON  
7 ISSUES SUCH AS ADDICTION RECOVERY, HEALING CHILDHOOD WOUNDS  
8 AND HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY. IN TOPANGA, THAT'S THE PLACE TO DO  
9 IT. SO, RON, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING ALL THE WAY DOWN  
10 HERE THIS MORNING AND LEADING US IN PRAYER. AND THANK YOU FOR  
11 WHAT YOU DO IN OUR COMMUNITY. [ APPLAUSE ]

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOUR PRESENTATIONS.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
16 BOARD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I'D LIKE TO ASK PENNY MARKEY TO  
17 JOIN ME UP HERE, ALONG WITH HER HUSBAND, PAUL, AND OUR COUNTY  
18 LIBRARIAN, MARGARET TODD. WE'RE GOING TO MISS THIS LADY. PENNY  
19 IS RETIRING AFTER 36 YEARS OF REMARKABLE SERVICE TO CHILDREN,  
20 YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES. PENNY IS A NATIONALLY  
21 RECOGNIZED AWARD WINNING EXPERT IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE AND  
22 LIBRARY SERVICES. IN HER RICH AND DIVERSIFIED CAREER, SHE HAS  
23 BEEN A CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN FOR THE LAST 30 PLUS YEARS. SHE  
24 WAS ALSO THE COORDINATOR OF YOUTH SERVICES FOR OUR COUNTY  
25 LIBRARIES, LEADING THE WAY FOR OTHERS IN THE PROFESSION. SHE



1 HAS CREATED PROGRAMS THAT HAVE TRANSFORMED TRADITIONAL LIBRARY  
2 SERVICES. HER LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN UNMATCHED IN EXPLORING FRESH  
3 WAYS TO PROMOTE LIBRARIES, LITERACY AND A LOVE OF READING.  
4 ADDITIONALLY, SHE HAS SECURED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF GRANT  
5 DOLLARS TO FUND THESE VARIOUS PROGRAMS. SHE HAS DEVELOPED VERY  
6 SUCCESSFUL LIBRARY READING PROGRAMS OVER THE YEARS, INCLUDING  
7 THE COUNTY LIBRARY'S HOMEWORK CENTERS AND I BELIEVE THAT WE  
8 HAVE ALL BEEN A BENEFACTOR OF THOSE, WHICH ARE NOW USED AS A  
9 MODEL FOR LIBRARIES NATIONWIDE. IN ADDITION, SHE IMPLEMENTED  
10 FAMILY PLACE, LIVE HOMEWORK HELP, BEGINNING AT THE BEGINNING  
11 WITH BOOKS, SUMMER READING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS AS  
12 WELL AS TREMENDOUSLY POPULAR TEEN CENTERS. SHE ALSO OVERSEES  
13 THAT GREAT PROGRAM THAT WE GET TO DO EVERY YEAR, OUR ANNUAL  
14 BOOKMARK CONTEST, WHERE WE GET TO JUDGE ABOUT 10,000 ENTRIES,  
15 AND THEN BE A BAD PERSON TO PICK A WINNER. YOU KNOW? IN  
16 ADDITION TO ALL THE PROGRAMS I JUST MENTIONED, I ASKED OUR  
17 COUNTY LIBRARY, AS YOU KNOW, AND L.A. OPERA TO CREATE A  
18 PROFESSIONAL LEVEL OPERA TO BE PERFORMED IN THE VARIOUS  
19 LIBRARIES. PENNY WORKED WITH STACEY BRIGHTMAN FROM THE OPERA,  
20 FROM L.A. OPERA TO CREATE OPERA TALES, WHICH HAS JUST  
21 COMPLETED ITS 5TH YEAR. I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND A  
22 COUPLE OF TIMES AND IT'S JUST ABSOLUTELY AMAZING, THE  
23 ATTENTION THAT THE CHILDREN ENJOY ON BEHALF OF LEARNING A  
24 LITTLE BIT ABOUT OPERA, SO AS I SAID, PENNY'S GOING TO BE  
25 GREATLY MISSED BY ALL OF US, AND SO PARTICULARLY BY THE YOUNG



1 PEOPLE THROUGHOUT OUR GREAT COUNTY. BUT 36 YEARS, SHE DESERVES  
2 A REST. WE'RE GOING TO GIVE HER THREE DAYS AND THEN PUT HER  
3 BACK TO WORK. BUT, PENNY, WE WISH YOU AND YOUR HUSBAND A  
4 JOYOUS RETIREMENT AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, GOOD HEALTH, AND JUST  
5 THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE ON BEHALF  
6 OF CHILDREN AND OUR COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM. THANK YOU. [  
7 APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, LET ME JUST JOIN IN  
10 THANKING AND CONGRATULATING THE GREAT WORK THAT PENNY HAS DONE  
11 IN ALL OF OUR LIBRARIES. IT'S ALWAYS WONDERFUL TO SEE HER OUT  
12 THERE AT ALL OF OUR SPECIAL EVENTS. I THINK SHE'S BEEN A REAL  
13 TROOPER AND HAS REALLY MADE THOSE THINGS WORK. SO WE  
14 CONGRATULATE HER FOR THE OUTSTANDING WORK THAT SHE HAS  
15 PROVIDED TO ALL OF US. [ APPLAUSE ]

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** BEFORE WE LET PENNY SAY A FEW WORDS, SHE HAS TO  
18 AGREE TO STAY ANOTHER YEAR. NO. WE'RE GOING TO ASK OUR COUNTY  
19 LIBRARIAN, MARGARET TODD, TO SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS. MARGARET?

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21 **MARGARET TODD:** YOU KNOW, WE ARE SO SORRY TO SEE HER GO. SHE IS  
22 SO EXTRAORDINARY. AND I DON'T KNOW THAT PEOPLE REALIZE, NOT  
23 ONLY IS SHE CONSIDERED AN EXPERT IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, SHE  
24 IS A NATIONAL EXPERT. MANY OF THE PROGRAMS THAT SHE'S  
25 DEVELOPED FOR US HAVE BEEN USED THROUGHOUT THE NATION. SO IT



1 HAS BEEN AN EXTRAORDINARY GIFT FOR THE CHILDREN OF LOS ANGELES  
2 COUNTY TO HAVE PENNY FOR 36 YEARS. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT IN  
3 ADDITION TO ALL THE THINGS SHE DOES, SHE ALSO MENTORS. AND SO  
4 THERE ARE VERY MANY PEOPLE UNDER HER WHO SHE HAS MENTORED AND  
5 HAVE MOVED INTO ADMINISTRATIVE JOBS, A NUMBER OF LIBRARY  
6 DIRECTORS. AND MANY OF OUR REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS STARTED AS  
7 CHILDREN'S LIBRARIANS UNDER PENNY, SO SHE LEAVES A LEGACY AND  
8 IT'S GOING TO BE HARD TO SEE HER GO. I HOPE SHE COMES BACK AND  
9 GIVES US SOME ADVICE ONCE IN A WHILE. PENNY, WE WISH YOU WELL.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PENNY MARKEY. [  
12 APPLAUSE ]

13

14 **PENNY MARKEY:** THANK YOU, MARGARET. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
15 KNABE, AND MOST IMPORTANT, THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU ON THE  
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. YOUR SUPPORT, YOUR INTEREST HAS BEEN AN  
17 ENORMOUS HELP FOR ALL OF US IN THE PUBLIC LIBRARY. THIS STAFF  
18 IS AMAZING. AND IT'S EXCITING TO SEE THE FOSTER KIDS SITTING  
19 HERE IN THE FRONT, TOO, BECAUSE THE LIBRARY HAS PLAYED A ROLE  
20 IN THEIR LIVES AS WELL AS THE PROBATIONERS AND THE PARKS AND  
21 RECREATION KIDS. THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL FOR THE WONDERFUL  
22 OPPORTUNITY. AND I JUST WANT TO LEAVE A FEW WORDS FOR THE  
23 SUPERVISORS TO REMEMBER. AS YOU GO OFF INTO RETIREMENT, YOU  
24 SORT OF THINK A LOT. AND THE PUBLIC LIBRARY IS THE PROMISE,  
25 IT'S THE PROMISE THAT WE MAKE TO OUR CHILDREN, IT'S THE



1 PROMISE THAT WE MAKE TO THE FOLKS IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE'RE  
2 THERE TO HELP THEM TO BETTER THEMSELVES AND TO HAVE A GOOD  
3 LIFE. SO I CERTAINLY HAVE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME AND WISH  
4 EVERYONE THE BEST. AND I'LL BE OUT THERE, SO THANK YOU ALL. [  
5 APPLAUSE ]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, PENNY. NEXT WE HAVE WITH US, I'M GOING  
8 TO CALL UP DAVID HABERBUSH PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
9 AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF OUR LONG BEACH PLAYHOUSE. WE ARE  
10 HONORING THE PLAYHOUSE TODAY IN RECOGNITION OF ITS 80TH  
11 ANNIVERSARY. I MIGHT ADD, A VERY FAMILIAR FACE IS UP HERE WITH  
12 US TODAY, AND A YOUNG LADY WHO HAS BEEN VERY GOOD TO THE  
13 COUNTY OVER THE YEARS, FORMER ASSEMBLYWOMAN AND STATE SENATOR,  
14 BETTY GARNETT. BETTY, WELCOME. [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** SEE HOW NICE I WAS, BETTY? ALL RIGHT. THE LONG  
17 BEACH PLAYHOUSE WAS FOUNDED IN 1929 AND WAS THE FIRST  
18 PERFORMING ARTS ORGANIZATION IN LONG BEACH. IT IS THE OLDEST,  
19 CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING COMMUNITY THEATRE WEST OF THE  
20 MISSISSIPPI. IT IS OPEN 50 WEEKS OF THE YEAR AND A NEW PLAY  
21 OPENS EVERY THREE WEEKS. OVER 300 VOLUNTEERS PRESENT 16 PLAYS  
22 EACH YEAR. IN THE PAST 80 YEARS, OVER 1,000 PRODUCTIONS HAVE  
23 BEEN PRESENTED ON ITS TWO STAGES. ITS SUPER YOUTH THEATRE  
24 SCHOOL TRAINS THE NEXT GENERATION OF THEATRE PROFESSIONALS AND  
25 THE AUDIENCES AND THE NEW WORKS FESTIVAL CONTRIBUTES TO THIS





1 AS WELL. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, THE 10  
2 MILLION RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE WANT TO  
3 CONGRATULATE THE LONG BEACH PLAYHOUSE. HAPPY, HAPPY 80TH  
4 BIRTHDAY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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6 **DAVID HABERBUSH:** ON BEHALF OF THE LONG BEACH PLAYHOUSE, WE  
7 THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS GREAT HONOR. AND WE  
8 HOPE THAT WE HAVE ANOTHER 80 OR TWICE THAT IN THE FUTURE.  
9 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. HAPPY  
12 BIRTHDAY. BETTY, DO YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING? DO YOU WANT TO  
13 SAY, NICE TO SEE US?

14

15 **BETTY GARNETT:** SURE. I MISS DON KNABE BECAUSE I LIKE TO MAKE  
16 JOKES WITH HIM. YOU'RE LUCKY. WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE HIM IN LONG  
17 BEACH AND ALL THE OTHER PLACES AND ALL THE REST OF YOU  
18 SUPERVISORS. KEEP UP THE JOKES, PLEASE. WE NEED THEM  
19 DESPERATELY. THE REST OF YOU, SMILE A LOT. IT HELPS. [  
20 APPLAUSE ]

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT I'M  
23 GOING TO CALL ON SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR HIS PRESENTATION.

24



1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS B.J., A SHIH TZU MIX, WHO IS TWO  
2    YEARS OLD. OKAY, SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME, LITTLE B.J. IT'S A  
3    LITTLE BOY, I SHOULD SAY. IT'S GOT OUTSIDE PLUMBING. HE'S  
4    LOOKING FOR A HOME. ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT HIM CAN  
5    CALL (562) 728-4644, OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE  
6    TO ADOPT LITTLE B.J. WANT TO SAY SOMETHING? HE'S STILL TRYING  
7    TO FIGURE IT OUT. OKAY. THANK YOU.

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9    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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11   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** EACH MONTH -- OR EACH YEAR IN MAY, THIS  
12   COUNTY -- BOY, THIS MICROPHONE IS HAVING PROBLEMS --  
13   CELEBRATES FOSTER CARE MONTH, AND WE HONOR THE MANY FAMILIES,  
14   THE INDIVIDUALS AND THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHO UNSELFISHLY  
15   SUPPORT OUR COUNTY'S FOSTER YOUTH AND RELATED PROGRAMS. SO I  
16   WANT YOU TO PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING WHAT WE CALL OUR  
17   FOSTER CARE HEROES. WOULD YOU GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE?  
18   THEY'RE UNBELIEVABLE FOLKS. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** LET ME BEGIN BY PAYING TRIBUTE TO MISS  
21   LESLIE HEIMOV, JOINING US -- HERE YOU ARE, BACK HERE --  
22   JOINING US IS LESLIE. SHE IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
23   CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER. THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER ATTORNEYS,  
24   EXCUSE ME, SERVE AS COUNSEL FOR OVER THE 24,000 CHILDREN  
25   WITHIN OUR DEPENDENCY COURT SYSTEM. AND THE BOARD IS SO VERY



1 PROUD TO EXTEND A RECOGNITION FOR THE CENTER FOR THE  
2 OUTSTANDING WORK THAT THEY DO ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE CHILDREN  
3 IN REPRESENTING THEIR INTERESTS FOREMOST BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE.  
4 THEIR TIRELESS DEDICATION IS AMAZING ON AN ONGOING BASIS, THE  
5 WORK THAT YOU DO. CONGRATULATIONS, LESLIE, AND WOULD YOU  
6 CONGRATULATE EVERYONE AT THE CENTER FOR A GREAT JOB? PLEASE  
7 SHARE A FEW WORDS IF YOU WOULD. I KNOW YOU DO GREAT WORK.

8

9 **LESLIE HEIMOV:** OH, WELL I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HOSTING ALL  
10 OF OUR HEROES TODAY AND FOR RECOGNIZING CLC. WE'RE VERY  
11 EXCITED THAT WE JUST CELEBRATED OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY  
12 REPRESENTING OUR COUNTY'S FOSTER CHILDREN AND WORKING WITH THE  
13 DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY OFFICIALS TO TRY TO ENSURE THAT EVERY  
14 CHILD WE SERVE HAS SOMEONE LIKE THE PEOPLE STANDING BEHIND ME  
15 AS A HERO IN THEIR LIFE. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, COULD I JUST ADD, I HAD THE  
18 OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THEM OVER THE YEARS AND ON SO MANY  
19 DIFFERENT INSTANCES, AND ALWAYS BEEN THERE TO MAKE A  
20 DIFFERENCE IN THE KIDS' LIVES, AND WE JUST TRULY APPRECIATE  
21 ALL OF YOUR EFFORTS, WE REALLY, REALLY DO.

22

23 **LESLIE HEIMOV:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24



1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THEY DO AN  
2    UNBELIEVABLE JOB. AND THESE ARE SPECIAL FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN  
3    POINTED OUT TO US WHO GO FAR AND BEYOND AND WORK WITH MANY OF  
4    OUR FOSTER YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY. LET ME BEGIN WITH KENNETH  
5    BROWN. IF KENNETH BROWN WOULD JOIN ME. KENNETH IS A FORMER  
6    FOSTER YOUTH WHO HAS WORKED WITH THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH  
7    CORRECTION FOR WELL OVER 21 YEARS. HE ENGAGES CURRENT AND  
8    FORMER FOSTER YOUTH IN CHILD POLICY AS WELL AS ADVOCACY. HE  
9    ALSO TRAINS OUR SOCIAL WORKERS, OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, FOSTER  
10   YOUTH AND POLICY MAKERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND PARTICIPATES  
11   IN VARIOUS NATIONAL CONFERENCES. HE'S ALSO PART OF AN EFFORT  
12   TO PASS LEGISLATION TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR FOSTER YOUTH TO  
13   OBTAIN THEIR DRIVER'S LICENSE. WE WANT TO THANK KENNETH MANY  
14   OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS. CONGRATULATIONS IN BEING RECOGNIZED AS  
15   ONE OF OUR HEROES. [ APPLAUSE ]

16

17   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR. NEXT I WANT TO  
18   CALL ON PATRICK LEE. GOOD MORNING, PATRICK. PATRICK IS ALSO A  
19   FORMER FOSTER YOUTH. HIS TWIN BROTHER AND TWO YOUNGER SISTERS  
20   HAD NO RELATIVES TO CARE FOR THEM AND THEY WERE ALWAYS FEARFUL  
21   OF THE SEPARATION THAT MIGHT HAPPEN UNDER, UNFORTUNATELY, IN  
22   THE FACT THAT THEY WERE FOSTER CHILDREN. THANKFULLY, POPS  
23   GLEN, STEPPED FORWARD TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE HOME  
24   FOR THE FOUR SIBLINGS TO LIVE TOGETHER AS A FAMILY. PATRICK  
25   RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP AND ATTENDED SAN FRANCISCO STATE



1 UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE MADE SEVERAL SHORT FILMS. ONE OF THEM  
2 RECEIVED THE TOP RECOGNITION IN THE 2009 SAN FRANCISCO STATE  
3 UNIVERSITY FILM FESTIVAL. WE CONGRATULATE YOU, PATRICK, FOR AN  
4 OUTSTANDING JOB, CERTAINLY ACADEMICALLY AND FOR DOING SO WELL.  
5 CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NEXT I'M GOING TO CALL UP RONNIE ROMERO. [   
8 APPLAUSE ] RONNIE IS THE GRANDFATHER OF 7-YEAR-OLD ANGEL, WHO  
9 HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED SINCE BIRTH. EVERY DAY, ANGEL'S DEVOTED  
10 GRANDFATHER IS AT HER SIDE BRINGING WARMTH AND LOVE DESPITE  
11 THE STERILE HOSPITAL SETTING. RONNIE HAS DEVELOPED HIS OWN  
12 SPECIAL COMMUNICATION WITH ANGEL WHO RESPONDS TO HIS TOUCH AND  
13 ANIMATED FACIAL MOVEMENTS. RONNIE, YOUR DEVOTION CERTAINLY  
14 TOUCHES ALL OF US. CONGRATULATIONS FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS ONE  
15 OF OUR OUTSTANDING HEROES. THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE THERE. [   
16 APPLAUSE ]

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NEXT IS JOE SCHIFF. HI, JOE. LET ME SHARE  
19 ABOUT JOE. JOE, FOR OVER 30 YEARS, HAS PROVIDED CREATIVE ARTS  
20 EXPERIENCES FOR FOSTER CARE YOUTH AS THEY NAVIGATE THROUGH THE  
21 LEGAL SYSTEM. JOE ESTABLISHED THE FREE ARTS FOR ABUSED  
22 CHILDREN PROGRAMS WHICH PROVIDES RELIEF DURING COURT SESSIONS  
23 FOR THE OVER 20,000 CHILDREN ANNUALLY. IN 2009, JOE EXPANDED  
24 THE PROGRAM TO THE MCCOURTNEY JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER IN  
25 LANCASTER, ADMINISTERED BY A TEAM OF CARING ADULT VOLUNTEERS.



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1 THESE INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS GIVE HOPE TO ABUSED, IN MANY  
2 INSTANCES, HOMELESS AND AT RISK CHILDREN. SO WE'VE GOT TO  
3 APPLAUD JOE FOR AN OUTSTANDING JOB. WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN  
4 CONGRATULATING HIM. [ APPLAUSE ]

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NEXT, WE HAVE KELLY AND PATRICK. NOW HELP  
7 ME WITH THAT LAST NAME. SEIDENKRANTZ. OKAY. KELLY AND PATRICK  
8 ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ADOPTING A NEWBORN BABY. WHEN THE BABY'S  
9 GRANDPARENTS WERE UNEXPECTEDLY LOCATED IN ANOTHER STATE,  
10 PATRICK AND KELLY REACHED OUT AND HELPED RAISE TRAVEL FUNDS  
11 FOR THE BABY'S GRANDMOTHER TO VISIT. THEY WELCOMED HER WARMLY  
12 IN THEIR HOME, WHERE BABY AND GRANDMOTHER SUCCESSFULLY BONDED.  
13 KELLY AND PATRICK, CONGRATULATIONS. AGAIN, THIS KIND OF  
14 COMPASSION DESERVES OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND OUR COMMENDATION.  
15 CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OF YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NEXT, WE HAVE GUADALUPE TERRAN. WELCOME,  
18 GUADALUPE. GUADALUPE WAS REMOVED FROM HER MOTHER'S CARE IN  
19 1997. DESPITE A LIFETIME OF CHALLENGES, GUADALUPE BECAME A  
20 LOVING AND RESPONSIBLE MOTHER AT AN EARLY AGE. SHE GRADUATED  
21 HIGH SCHOOL, COMPLETED THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM IN  
22 2009, AND NOW IS EMPLOYED AND SUCCESSFULLY SUPPORTING HERSELF  
23 AS WELL AS HER SON. BUT THAT'S NOT ALL. GUADALUPE JUST  
24 OBTAINED CUSTODY OF HER YOUNGER SISTER AND LOVINGLY CARES FOR





1 HER OTHER SIBLING AS WELL. WHAT AN INSPIRATION, GUADALUPE.

2 CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND FINALLY, WHERE IS SHARON? I DIDN'T SEE  
5 HER STEP UP. THERE SHE IS. SHARON IS SORT OF SPECIAL AROUND  
6 HERE FOR ALL OF US. SHE'S KIND OF OUR GO-TO PERSON. SHE IS  
7 WELL KNOWN AS A STRONG AND, YOU KNOW, OUTSTANDING CHILD  
8 ADVOCATE. WE'VE BEEN WATCHING HER HERE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.  
9 HER ADVOCACY INCLUDES COUNTY-RELATED COMMITTEES AND TASK  
10 FORCES SUCH AS THE COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES,  
11 I CAN AND CERTAINLY OUR DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES. SHE  
12 WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DEPARTMENT'S COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT OF  
13 FOSTER YOUTH TO SECURE PERMANENT HOMES FOR MANY OF THEM. SHE'S  
14 BEEN A STEADFAST PARTNER AND HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY TO ENSURE  
15 THAT ALL OF OUR FOSTER CHILDREN ARE PROVIDED A WELL BEING IN  
16 THE FUTURE. WE HAVE UTILIZED SHARON'S EXPERTISE MANY A TIME  
17 WHEN WE COME ACROSS THOSE TROUBLING ISSUES IN DEALING WITH OUR  
18 CHILDREN THAT ARE OUR WARDS. AND SO WE CONGRATULATE YOU,  
19 SHARON, FOR YOUR EXPERTISE, YOUR DEDICATION, MORE IMPORTANTLY  
20 YOUR COMPASSION FOR ALL OF THESE WONDERFUL CHILDREN.  
21 CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO ASK TRISH TO COME UP AND JOIN  
24 ME. TRISH IS, OF COURSE, OUR DEPARTMENT HEAD. AND SHE KNOWS  
25 THE KIND OF OUTSTANDING WORK THAT MANY OF THESE PEOPLE, AND



1 YOU SAW THE ARRAY OF THE TALENT AND THE KIND OF CARING THAT WE  
2 HAVE WITH ALL OF OUR FOSTER CHILDREN AT DIFFERENT LEVELS.  
3 WITHOUT THE KIND OF SUPPORT FROM MANY OF THESE PEOPLE THAT ARE  
4 HERE TODAY AND WHAT THEY REPRESENT, WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO  
5 CARRY OUT THE KIND OF WORK THAT IS UNBELIEVABLE WITH SO MANY  
6 CHILDREN WHO ARE CONTINUOUSLY BECOMING MORE AND MORE DEPENDENT  
7 ON OUR RESOURCES. SO LET ME HAVE TRISH SAY A FEW WORDS.

8

9 **TRISH PLOEHN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. AND I WANT TO  
10 THANK YOU AND THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR ACKNOWLEDGING SOME OF THE  
11 GREAT WORKS THAT ARE GOING ON IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM IN LOS  
12 ANGELES COUNTY. AND I WANT TO THANK LESLIE HEIMOV, CHILDREN'S  
13 LAW CENTER, FOR MAKING THIS DAY POSSIBLE. BUT MOST OF ALL, I  
14 WANT TO THANK THE PEOPLE BEHIND ME. THEY TRULY ARE THE HEROES  
15 AND THEY ARE MAKING LIFE BETTER FOR THE CHILDREN OF OUR  
16 COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN. THANK YOU. [  
19 APPLAUSE ]

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NEXT, WE HAVE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR  
22 HIS PRESENTATIONS.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I'M PLEASED TO  
25 CALL FORWARD TYKI NELWORTH. AND I WANT YOU TO NOTE THAT WE



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1 HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE VERY PROUD OF THE WORK, THE EFFORTS  
2 THAT THIS STELLAR PERSON IS DOING. JOINED BY KIM BLYTH, WHO IS  
3 THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AT WASHINGTON PREP, DR. TODD EULAH, WHO  
4 IS THE PRINCIPAL OF WASHINGTON PREP. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,  
5 MEMBERS, TYKI IS GRADUATING FROM WASHINGTON PREP HIGH SCHOOL  
6 AND KNOWS SOMETHING ABOUT FACING ADVERSITY AND YET OVERCOMING  
7 OBSTACLES AND PURSUING, THAT IS TO SAY EMBRACING ACADEMIC  
8 SUCCESS. SO DESPITE WHAT MIGHT BE DEFINED AS A STRUGGLE,  
9 DURESS, HARDSHIP, HE HAS ENDURED, HE HAS REMAINED FOCUSED ON  
10 HIS ACADEMICS AND HAS CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED EXCELLENT MARKS  
11 THROUGHOUT HIS HIGH SCHOOL CAREER AND EVEN BEFORE THAT. HAVING  
12 GRADUATED FROM HENRY CLAY MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH STRAIGHT A'S, HE  
13 HOLDS A 4.23 GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND TOOK ADVANCED PLACEMENT  
14 COURSES IN ENGLISH, BIOLOGY -- [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WANT YOU TO GET EVERY BIT OF THIS.  
17 ENGLISH, BIOLOGY, CALCULUS, CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS. HIS HARD  
18 WORK AND DETERMINATION EARNED HIM A CONGRESSIONAL  
19 RECOMMENDATION AND A SPOT TO ATTEND THE PRESTIGIOUS UNITED  
20 STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT. [ APPLAUSE ]

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, WEST POINT REMAINS  
23 VERY HIGHLY SELECTIVE AND ONLY ADMITS SOME 15% OF THOSE WHO  
24 APPLY EACH YEAR. IN ADDITION TO PERFORMING IN AN EXEMPLARY WAY  
25 IN ACADEMICS, HE IS ALSO A VERY IMPRESSIVE ATHLETE. HE IS THE



1 CAPTAIN OF WASHINGTON PREP'S FOOTBALL TEAM AND PLAYS BASEBALL  
2 AND HAS RUN TRACK. AND SO I'M PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE TYKI TODAY  
3 ALONG WITH ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES AND TO SAY TO YOU, WE COULDN'T  
4 BE MORE IMPRESSED, WE COULDN'T BE MORE PROUD. WE HAVE EVERY  
5 REASON TO CELEBRATE YOU BECAUSE WHAT YOU HAVE DONE AND WHAT  
6 YOU ARE DOING SPEAKS VOLUMES FOR THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE  
7 COMMUNITIES OF WHICH ALL OF US ARE A PART. AND IT ESSENTIALLY  
8 SAYS THAT WHEN AN INVESTMENT IS MADE IN A YOUNG PERSON, AND  
9 THAT YOUNG PERSON RESPONDS TO THAT INVESTMENT, GOOD THINGS CAN  
10 AND WILL HAPPEN, AND SO WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO JUST GIVE  
11 YOU THIS DAY OF RECOGNITION BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND  
12 SAY TO YOU, CONGRATULATIONS AND WE EXPECT EVEN GREATER THINGS  
13 FROM YOU. TYKI IS IN THE HOUSE. [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **TYKI NELWORTH:** I DON'T HAVE MUCH TO SAY. BUT FIRSTLY, I'D LIKE  
16 TO THANK GOD FOR WAKING US ALL UP, GIVING US ALL THE POWER TO  
17 GET HERE AND GIVING US THE STRENGTH TO GO ABOUT OUR DAILY  
18 LIVES. SECONDLY, I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY IT'S AN HONOR AND  
19 PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE IN FRONT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
20 WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I DON'T THINK I -- I'M PRETTY SURE I NEVER  
21 DREAMT I'D BE STANDING BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BEING  
22 RECOGNIZED. AND I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU, AND IN CLOSING  
23 JUST, GOD BLESS. [ APPLAUSE ]

24



1 **DR. TODD EULAH:** ON BEHALF OF WASHINGTON PREPARATORY HIGH  
2 SCHOOL, WE WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING THIS  
3 OUTSTANDING STUDENT. PERSEVERANCE, TENACITY, SERVICE,  
4 ACADEMICS, AND, OF COURSE, HONOR ARE WHAT THIS YOUNG MAN  
5 REPRESENTS, AND THAT'S WHAT WE AT WASHINGTON PREPARATORY HIGH  
6 SCHOOL VALUE MOST. AND WE ARE SO HAPPY TO HAVE HIM MOVE  
7 FORWARD AS A GENERAL AND REPRESENT US WELL AT WEST POINT. AND  
8 ALSO, THE PREVIOUS PRESENTATION WAS OF GREAT INTEREST,  
9 WASHINGTON AT 108TH AND DENKER, HAS THE HIGHEST POPULATION OF  
10 FOSTER CHILDREN IN OUR DISTRICT. AND I CERTAINLY HEAR THE  
11 GREAT THINGS THAT THE PREVIOUS FOLKS WERE DOING, AND I  
12 CONGRATULATE THEM. BUT TYKI, CONGRATULATIONS.

13

14 **TYKI NELWORTH:** THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE  
17 TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CALL FORTH BOTH SHAWN KIM AND JIMMEY  
18 LORA, MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THAT IS, THE  
19 PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM. SOME OF YOU WILL RECALL AND  
20 YOU WILL WANT TO MAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT SHAWN IS A  
21 GRADUATE OF CAL STATE UNIVERSITY IN LONG BEACH SCHOOL OF  
22 SOCIAL WORK. JIMMEY IS A GRADUATE OF U.S.C.'S SCHOOL OF  
23 NURSING. SHAWN IS M.S.W. AND JIMMEY IS A B.S.N. THE DEPARTMENT  
24 OF MENTAL HEALTH, WORKS AROUND THE CLOCK TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO  
25 CONSTITUENTS IN NEED THROUGH ITS ACCESS CALL NUMBER. THAT CALL



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1 CENTER IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. CONSTITUENTS WHO REQUIRE  
2 SERVICE CAN CALL THE CENTER AT ANY TIME TO REQUEST THE  
3 EVALUATIONS OF CRISIS SITUATIONS. AND SO ON MARCH 29, A  
4 GARDENA RESIDENT CALLED THE CALL CENTER TO REQUEST AN  
5 EVALUATION OF HER SON WHO WAS EXHIBITING DISCONCERTING  
6 BEHAVIOR, WHO HAD A HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS. SO THESE  
7 STELLAR COUNTY EMPLOYEES, MR. KIM AND MR. LORA, WERE DEPLOYED  
8 AS MEMBERS OF THE PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM, OFTEN  
9 KNOWN AS P.M.R.T., TO RESPOND TO THAT CALL. WHILE THEY WERE  
10 ASSISTING THE FAMILY, THREE ARMED MEN ENTERED THE HOME IN AN  
11 APPARENT HOME INVASION AND ROBBED THE FAMILY AND BOTH OF THE  
12 WORKERS AT GUNPOINT. AND SO DURING THIS HAIR-RAISING EPISODE,  
13 THE CLIENT, WHO WAS BEING ASSISTED, RAN TOWARD THE SUSPECTS,  
14 STARTLING THEM AND CAUSING THEM TO FLEE FROM THE SCENE. BOTH  
15 MR. KIM AND MR. LORA RESPONDED QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY TO THE  
16 SITUATION BY SECURING THE LOCATION AND CALLING FOR ASSISTANCE  
17 RATHER IMMEDIATELY. THEY ASSISTED THE GARDENA POLICE  
18 DEPARTMENT IN A NEIGHBORHOOD SEARCH FOR THE SUSPECTS, KEPT THE  
19 FAMILY CALM, COMPLETED THE SERVICE THEY WERE PROVIDING FOR THE  
20 FAMILY, INCLUDING FOLLOW-UP WITH THE CLIENT. AND SO WE SALUTE  
21 THESE D.M.H. WORKERS AS WE ACKNOWLEDGE THIS MONTH, MAY, AS  
22 MENTAL HEALTH MONTH THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND  
23 WE ARE PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE BOTH MR. KIM AND MR. LORA TODAY,  
24 AND WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR PROFESSIONALISM, THEIR POISE,  
25 THEIR CALM, THEIR CAPACITY TO WORK UNDER PRESSURE AND TO SERVE





1 THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN THIS INSTANCE, THE  
2 SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, WITH BRAVERY, COURAGE, AND THAT  
3 WHICH IS WORTHY OF PRAISE. AND SO YOU UNDOUBTEDLY CONTRIBUTED  
4 TO THE WELL BEING OF THOSE FAMILIES AND YOU PROVIDED A  
5 WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF WHAT IT MEANS TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY OF  
6 LOS ANGELES AND BE STAND-OUT EMPLOYEES IN SO DOING. AND SO WE  
7 THANK BOTH OF YOU. JIMMEY, WE THANK YOU, AS WELL SHAWN,  
8 BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT IT'S NOT EASY. BUT YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE,  
9 AND WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE BOTH THE DISTRICT  
10 CHIEF, IRMA CASTANEDA, AS WELL AS MARIAN BROWN, THE OTHER  
11 DISTRICT CHIEF, FOR BEING HERE TO SUPPORT THESE TWO HONOREES.  
12 SO JIMMEY, WE GIVE YOU THIS ON BEHALF OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE  
13 BOARD, SIGNED BY US ALL. [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND SHAWN, WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOU, AND WITH  
16 THE SAME ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, WE EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS ON  
17 BEHALF OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
18 SUPERVISORS. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF  
19 APPLAUSE FOR THE WORK THAT THEY DO ON OUR BEHALF. [ APPLAUSE ]  
20 ALL RIGHT. LATOYA AND J.J. ARE HERE. LATALIA AND J.J. ISN'T  
21 THAT LOVELY? YOU PROUD OF YOUR DADDY? YEAH, OBVIOUSLY. TAKE A  
22 PICTURE WITH HIM THEN. [ APPLAUSE ]

23



1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WONDERFUL. THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
2    MENTAL HEALTH IS DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD, AND MARV, WHY DON'T YOU  
3    COME AND HAVE A WORD AT THIS TIME.

4

5    **MARVIN J. SOUTHARD:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR  
6    RECOGNIZING THE -- AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, FOR RECOGNIZING  
7    OUR STAFF TODAY. WHEN I DO MY NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION EVERY  
8    MONTH FOR THE STAFF ENTERING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH,  
9    I TELL THEM THAT ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT WORKING FOR THE  
10   DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS THAT THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY  
11   TO BE A HERO AND REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WAY PEOPLE'S  
12   LIVES GET LIVED. BUT USUALLY I DON'T THINK IT AS DRAMATICALLY  
13   AS YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEROES, AND SO FOR ALL OF THE  
14   PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THE FIELD OF MENTAL HEALTH, WHO GET TO BE  
15   HEROES IN BIG AND LITTLE WAYS, I WANT TO OFFER THAT  
16   RECOGNITION, BUT SPECIFICALLY FOR THE REALLY HUGE WAY THAT YOU  
17   GUYS WERE ABLE TO BE HEROES, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE YOU AND  
18   THANK YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES. SO THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S HEAR FROM THESE -- ALL  
21   RIGHT, SIR. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A WORD? HE HAS A LITTLE  
22   SPEECH WRITTEN ON A LITTLE NAPKIN HERE. WE KNOW WHAT'S GOING  
23   TO HAPPEN NOW.

24



1    **JIMMY LORA:** IT WON'T BE LONG. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO THANK THESE  
2    LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO  
3    THANK THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
4    EMERGENCY OUTREACH BUREAU, DIRECTOR DR. MARK [MARVIN]  
5    SOUTHARD, DEPUTY CHIEF TONY BELIZE, DISTRICT CHIEF, ERMA  
6    CASTANEDA, DISTRICT CHIEF MIRIAM BROWN, DEPARTMENT HEADS GARY  
7    WOLENZICK AND BARBARA INGLEMAN, AND OUR FIELD SUPERVISORS,  
8    DERRICK SHAY AND CHRISTOPHER CHICBALOU. I'D ALSO LIKE TO  
9    RECOGNIZE AT THIS TIME MY FAMILY, MY WIFE, ANNETTE SANCHEZ  
10   LORA, MY KIDS, NATALIA, J.J., AND ACTUALLY, I'M A FATHER OF  
11   FOUR. THE OTHER TWO ARE AT SCHOOL SO SHE COULDN'T MAKE IT  
12   TODAY, UNFORTUNATELY. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK MY SUPPORTIVE  
13   MOTHER-IN-LAW AND FATHER-IN-LAW, IMA REYES AND ADOLPHO REYES.  
14   [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16   **JIMMEY LORA:** AND ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT I AM VERY PROUD TO BE  
17   AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. I TAKE IT WITH  
18   PRIDE AND JOY EVERY TIME I WAKE UP, I ENJOY DOING WHAT I DO.  
19   ON THAT PARTICULAR NIGHT, IT WAS AFTER I DEBRIEFED WITH MY  
20   SUPERVISORS, I WENT HOME AND I COULDN'T SLEEP VERY WELL. SO I  
21   DECIDED TO WRITE SOMETHING. AND WHAT I WROTE WAS THAT THE  
22   FUTURE IS NEVER PROMISED TO US, NO TIME TO HATE OR HOLD  
23   GRUDGES, BUT RATHER TO LOVE AND ENJOY EVERY MOMENT THAT IS  
24   ALLOWED AND GIVEN TO US BY GOD. LAST NIGHT'S EXPERIENCE WAS  
25   CLOSE, BUT A WAKE-UP CALL AS WELL. TIME IS LIMITED AND NO ONE



1 CAN PREDICT THE NEXT TIME YOU GET TO ROLL OUT OF BED, WALK,  
2 SEE, OR BREATHE. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, I DEFINITELY WANT TO  
3 HAVE A BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, FRIENDS, FAMILY. THANK  
4 YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

5

6 **SHAWN KIM:** I JUST WANT TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE BY SHARING THAT  
7 OUR RESILIENCE FOLLOWING THIS EVENT IS NOT JUST THE RESULT OF  
8 ACCESSING OUR OWN INTERNAL RESOURCES, BUT THE SUPPORT OF OUR  
9 ADMINISTRATION. AND WHAT KEEPS US INVIGORATED IN THE  
10 PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM IS THAT WE'RE GIVEN THE  
11 CAPACITY TO PROVIDE TO THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE. SO I  
12 WANT TO THANK THE ADMINISTRATION FOR MODELING APPROPRIATE  
13 SUPPORT FOLLOWING A TRAUMATIC EVENT. [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK THEM BOTH. AND I REMIND YOU THAT  
16 THESE COUNTY EMPLOYEES, THEY REPRESENT THE BEST OF OUR NURSING  
17 TEAMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND SOCIAL WORKERS  
18 AS WELL. SO SHAWN AND JIMMEY, ONCE AGAIN, WE GIVE YOU A BIG  
19 ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WE THANK YOU AND WE SALUTE -- [ APPLAUSE ]

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** -- WE SALUTE THE M.S.W. PROGRAM AT LONG  
22 BEACH, THAT SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK DOES WELL FOR THE COUNTY OF  
23 LOS ANGELES. AND WE THANK THE SCHOOL OF NURSING AT THE  
24 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THEY DO WELL BY THE COUNTY



1 OF LOS ANGELES. AND WE ARE JUST DELIGHTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEM.

2 THEY ARE OUR HEROES. [ APPLAUSE ]

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE HAVE, ON ITEM NO. 5,

5 IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED TO

6 CONTINUE THAT FOR A MONTH?

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** FOR ONE MONTH, CORRECT.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** FOR ONE MONTH. THE NEXT PUBLIC HEARING.

11 ALL RIGHT, SO WE WILL CONTINUE THAT ITEM. ON ALL OF THE OTHER

12 ITEMS, I'M GOING TO CALL THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PLEASE SWEAR

13 IN ALL OF OUR PEOPLE WHO WILL BE TESTIFYING TODAY ON THESE

14 ITEMS.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE

17 BOARD ON ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11 AND ALSO ITEMS 1-D THROUGH 3-D, 1-

18 P, 1-H, 7, 28 AND 29, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND

19 TO BE SWORN IN. [ ADMINISTERING OATH ]

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. WE'LL BEGIN

22 ON ITEM NO. 1. THIS IS THE HEARING AUTHORIZING THE

23 CONSUMMATION OF THE PURCHASE OF UNIMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

24 LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SIERRA HIGHWAY AND JUST EAST OF

25 CROWN VALLEY ROAD IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF ACTON



1 FROM THE BREVIDORO FAMILY PARTNERSHIP FOR A PURCHASE PRICE OF  
2 \$1,360,000 TO CONSTRUCT FIRE STATION 142. THERE IS NO  
3 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS ITEM AND THERE WAS NO WRITTEN  
4 CORRESPONDENCE SUBMITTED.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM.  
7 ALL RIGHT. ON ITEM NO. 1, IS THERE ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT? IF  
8 NOT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
9 AND IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. ON ITEM NO. 2, THIS IS A HEARING  
12 ON SEWER SERVICE CHARGE ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR  
13 2010/2011 FOR THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND  
14 THE MARINA SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT APPROVED PROPOSED  
15 INCLUSION OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER IN THE ACCUMULATIVE  
16 CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND PROGRAM OF THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER  
17 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT, ALSO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
18 COUNTY CODE TITLE 20. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND NO  
19 WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

20

21 **NICHOLAS AGBOBO:** MY NAME IS NICHOLAS AGBOBO, AND I'M A SENIOR  
22 CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M  
23 FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS TO, ONE, ADOPT THE ANNUAL  
24 SEWER SERVICE CHARGE REPORT FOR THE CONSOLIDATED AND THE  
25 MARINA SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011.





1 TWO, APPROVE THE INCLUSION OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER IN THE  
2 ACCUMULATIVE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND PROGRAM OF THE CONSOLIDATED  
3 SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND THE CORRESPONDING ADDITIONAL  
4 ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGE FOR PARCELS WITHIN THE CITY OF  
5 BELLFLOWER. THREE, APPROVE A DECREASE IN THE ANNUAL SEWER  
6 SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE TRANCAS ZONE OF THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER  
7 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT. AND FOUR, RETAIN ALL OTHER SEWER SERVICE  
8 CHARGES AT THEIR EXISTING RATES AND CONTINUE TO COLLECT SUCH  
9 CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011. MY REPORT  
10 OF THESE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES WAS PREPARED IN MY OFFICE AND  
11 UNDER MY DIRECTION. IN MY OPINION, IT IS NECESSARY TO ASSESS  
12 THE ADDITIONAL ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGE LISTED ABOVE TO  
13 ALLOW THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
14 ACCUMULATIVE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND PROGRAM TO OFFSET THE COST OF  
15 REHABILITATION, REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF THE -- SEWER PIPES  
16 THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. IN MY OPINION, IT IS NECESSARY TO  
17 INCREASE THE ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE TRANCAS ZONE  
18 DUE TO THE ELIMINATION OF A LOAN PAYMENT TO THE TRANCAS ZONE  
19 FOR THE TRANCAS WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT REHABILITATION  
20 WHICH WAS COMPLETELY PAID OFF IN 2009/2010. IN MY OPINION, IT  
21 IS NECESSARY TO RETAIN ALL THE OTHER SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AT  
22 THEIR EXISTING RATES. IN MY OPINION, A PROPOSED INCREASED AND  
23 DECREASED SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AND THE OTHER EXISTING  
24 CHARGES, HAVE BEEN FAIRLY IMPOSED. IN MY OPINION, IT IS IN THE  
25 PUBLIC INTEREST TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT ALL THE SEWER SERVICE



1 CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL BECAUSE IT PROVIDES FOR THE MOST  
2 ORDERLY AND COST EFFECTIVE COLLECTION OF SEWER CHARGES FROM  
3 THE AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES YOUR REPORT? THANK YOU. ALL  
6 RIGHT. ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT? DO WE HAVE ANY SPEAKERS? NO  
7 SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM. ALL RIGHT. THIS IS, AGAIN, FOR ALL  
8 DISTRICTS, IT'S A 4-VOTE ITEM. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE,  
9 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION,  
10 SO ORDERED. ITEM NO. 4.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 4, THIS IS THE HEARING ON  
13 ANNEXATION OF 18 PARCELS TO THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE  
14 DISTRICT WITHIN UNINCORPORATED TERRITORIES IN THE CITIES OF  
15 AGOURA HILLS, CALABASAS, SANTA CLARITA AND WESTLAKE VILLAGE.  
16 THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS  
17 RECEIVED.

18

19 **NICHOLAS AGBOBO:** FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS NICHOLAS AGBOBO,  
20 AND I'M A SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
21 WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION  
22 TO THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT OF LEVY OF  
23 SEWER SERVICE CHARGES TO THE 18 PARCELS IDENTIFIED IN THE  
24 BOARD LETTER WHICH ARE LOCATED ON UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AND IN  
25 CITIES OF AGOURA HILLS, CALABASAS, SAN CLARITA, AND WESTLAKE



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1 VILLAGE. THE INVOLVED CITIES HAVE GRANTED THEIR CONSENT AND  
2 JURISDICTION. IN MY OPINION, ALL THE 18 PARCELS WILL BE  
3 BENEFITTED BY THE ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED.  
4 IN MY OPINION, THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES HAVE BEEN FAIRLY  
5 IMPOSED.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT COMPLETES YOUR REPORT? ANY  
8 QUESTION OR COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
9 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO  
10 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. WE ARE NOW ON ITEM NO. 5. THIS  
13 IS THE HEARING ON --

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I THOUGHT THIS WAS THE ONE --

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OH, EXCUSE ME. I'M SORRY, THAT WAS  
18 CONTINUED. YOU'RE CORRECT. ITEM NO. 6, THIS IS THE HEARING OF  
19 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S PROPOSED PUBLISHED CHARGES FOR  
20 FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND NO  
21 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON THIS.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND WE HAVE NO ONE SPEAKING ON THIS ITEM.  
24 ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. IS THERE ANY QUESTION OR  
25 COMMENT? IF NOT, ON THIS ITEM, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR

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1 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF THERE'S  
2 NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 7. ON ITEM NO. 7, THIS ALSO IS  
5 RELATED TO ITEMS 1-D, 2-D, AND 1-H. AND I'LL READ THE TITLE IN  
6 FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS THE HEARING ON APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL  
7 YEAR 2010/2011 ACTION PLAN TO ENABLE THE LOS ANGELES URBAN  
8 COUNTY TO RECEIVE AND ADMINISTER AN ESTIMATED \$57,142,593 IN  
9 FEDERAL FUNDS. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND NO WRITTEN  
10 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. THERE ARE SOME SPEAKERS.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON THIS ITEM -- IS THERE ANY  
13 QUESTION OR COMMENT FROM MY COLLEAGUES? IF NOT, WE HAVE ONE  
14 SPEAKER, ARNOLD SACHS. MR. SACHS, WOULD YOU JOIN US? HE'S NOT  
15 HERE? AT ALL? ALL RIGHT. HE'S NOT HERE. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.  
16 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
17 THOMAS. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THAT'S ON ITEM 7,  
18 1-D, 2-D AND 1-H, IS THAT CORRECT?

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON THOSE ITEMS.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. WE ARE NOW ON ITEM NO. 8. THIS IS THE  
25 HEARING TO PERMIT THE COUNTY TO PURCHASE A FOR SALE PARCEL OF



1 VACANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OWNED PROPERTY FOR A  
2 PURCHASE PRICE OF \$1 FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTH HEALTH  
3 CENTER, WHICH WILL BENEFIT THE WILLOWBROOK COMMUNITY  
4 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT  
5 AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON THIS. THIS ITEM ALSO  
6 RELATES TO ITEM NO. 3-D. THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS ON THIS EITHER.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM. ANY  
9 QUESTION OR COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IF I MAY, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK THIS SHOULD  
12 BE NOTED THAT THIS IS A RATHER IMPORTANT TRANSACTION. THE  
13 BOARD ITSELF HAS PAID APPROPRIATE ATTENTION TO THE  
14 SOUTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WITH RESPECT  
15 TO HEALTHCARE ISSUES, RECOGNIZING THAT SOME OF THE MOST SEVERE  
16 CHALLENGES TO OUR RESIDENTS FACE SERIOUS HEALTH MALADIES.  
17 MIGHT CALL THIS ONE OF THE FIRST SIGNIFICANT STEPS TO THE  
18 CREATION OF A NEW HEALTH CAMPUS IN THE MARTIN LUTHER KING  
19 MEDICAL CENTER COMPLEX. WHILE IT'S REDUCIBLE TO A TRANSFER OF  
20 A PARCEL OWNED BY C.D.C., THIS TRANSLATES INTO A SIGNIFICANT  
21 STEP FORWARD IN TERMS OF HEALTHCARE IN THE WATTS-WILLOWBROOK  
22 COMMUNITY. THIS IS THE CONTINUATION OF RESOURCES MADE BY  
23 HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, A SECTION 108 LOAN, A BIG, BIG  
24 EFFORT, LONG-TIME PUSH FOR THIS TO HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOBS  
25 IN THE WATTS-WILLOWBROOK COMMUNITY. AND SO WHILE IN ONE SENSE,



1 MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS, WE SEE THIS AS A TRANSACTION, IN ANOTHER  
2 SENSE, I WISH TO CAUSE IT TO BE APPRECIATED THAT THIS SOMEWHAT  
3 MINISTERIAL TRANSACTION HAS FAR REACHING TRANSFORMATIVE  
4 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF  
5 THE SOUTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND A  
6 CRITICAL STEP IN THE BUILD-OUT OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING  
7 HOSPITAL COMPLEX. AND SO THANKS TO ALL OF YOU AND TO THE CHIEF  
8 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AS WELL AS TO THE HEAD OF THE C.D.C. FOR  
9 THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE IN THIS CONNECTION.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY  
12 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF  
13 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. THAT ALSO  
14 INCLUDES, BY THE WAY, 3-D, IS THAT CORRECT?

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 3-D, CORRECT. WE ARE NOW ON ITEM NO.  
17 9. THIS IS THE DE NOVO HEARING ON PROJECT NO. R2005-03503-(1),  
18 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 200800136-(1), AND  
19 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS -- OR, EXCUSE ME, ENVIRONMENTAL  
20 ASSESSMENT CASE NO. 200500198-(1), AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
21 REPORT TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF A FULL LINE OF ALCOHOLIC  
22 BEVERAGES FOR OFF-SITE CONSUMPTION AT A DRUGSTORE PHARMACY IN  
23 THE INTERIOR RENOVATION IN A DESIGNATED BUILDING (FORMERLY  
24 GOLDEN GATE THEATER), CURRENTLY LISTED ON THE NATIONAL



1 REGISTER OF HISTORICAL PLACES. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT  
2 AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

3

4 **ANITA GUTIERREZ:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. ANITA GUTIERREZ  
5 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. TODAY'S AGENDA ITEM  
6 NO. 9 IS AN APPEAL BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S  
7 DECISION TO APPROVE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A DRIVE-THROUGH  
8 PHARMACY WINDOW AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF A FULL LINE OF  
9 ALCOHOL FOR OFF-SITE CONSUMPTION ASSOCIATED WITH THE RETAIL  
10 PHARMACY USE IN THE FORM OF GOLDEN GATE THEATER. ALL OTHER  
11 ASPECTS OF THE PHARMACY USE ARE ALLOWED BY RIGHT AND ZONE. THE  
12 PROJECT APPLICANT IS THE CHARLES COMPANY AND THE APPELLANT IS  
13 A LOCAL CIVIC GROUP, THE MOTHERS OF EAST L.A., WHO OPPOSE THE  
14 PROJECT. THE PROJECT SITE IS LOCATED AT 909 AND 933 SOUTH  
15 ATLANTIC BOULEVARD BETWEEN SOUTH ATLANTIC BOULEVARD AND WOODS  
16 AVENUE, IN THE C-3 UNLIMITED COMMERCIAL ZONE WITHIN THE  
17 COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES. THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE  
18 C.U.P. ON MARCH 17, 2010, WITH VOTE OF 4-0 WITH ONE  
19 COMMISSIONER BEING ABSENT. REGARDING THE ALCOHOL PERMIT, THE  
20 C.U.P. CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL INCLUDE ALL STANDARD CONDITIONS  
21 NORMALLY INCLUDED IN THE FIRST DISTRICT ALCOHOL PERMITS, SUCH  
22 AS PURCHASING AN EXISTING LICENSE FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT IN  
23 THE AREA, SO NO NET INCREASE IN ALCOHOL LICENSES IN THE AREA  
24 WOULD EXIST. WHEN DISCUSSED WITH THE CAPTAIN OF THE EAST L.A.  
25 SHERIFF'S STATION, HE ORIGINALLY HAD CONCERNS, BUT WAS UNAWARE





1 OF THE CONDITION TO OBTAIN AN EXISTING LICENSE. HE HAS SINCE  
2 EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOL WITH THESE PROPOSED  
3 CONDITIONS. IF YOUR BOARD IS INTERESTED, I AM PREPARED TO GO  
4 INTO MORE DETAIL ON THOSE SPECIFIC ALCOHOL CONDITIONS. AS THE  
5 PROJECT SITE IS LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORICAL  
6 PLACES, THE PROJECT INCLUDES THE ADAPTIVE REUSE OF THE  
7 BUILDING AND SOME INTERIOR RENOVATION TO CONSTRUCT A RETAIL  
8 DRUGSTORE. AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WAS PREPARED FOR  
9 THIS PROJECT WHICH EVALUATED THE IMPACTS TO CULTURAL  
10 RESOURCES. THROUGH THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS AND THROUGH THE  
11 INVESTIGATION AT THE HISTORICAL RESOURCES, PLANNING STAFF WAS  
12 ABLE TO WORK WITH THE APPLICANT AND CONSULTANTS TO MAKE  
13 SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE PROPOSED PROJECT WHICH DRASTICALLY  
14 REDUCED THE IMPACT TO THE HISTORIC NATURE OF THE FORMER GOLDEN  
15 GATE THEATER AND AVOIDED THE MATERIAL IMPAIRMENT. A STATEMENT  
16 OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION WAS ADOPTED TO ERR ON THE  
17 CONSERVATIVE SIDE. THE COUNTY-RETAINED ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN  
18 FOR THIS PROJECT IN MR. ROBERT CHATTEL, OF CHATTEL  
19 ARCHITECTURE, AND HE IS HERE TODAY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS  
20 THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE. ADDITIONALLY, THE APPLICANT IS HERE TO  
21 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS, AND I BELIEVE MR. CHATTEL HAS A BRIEF  
22 REMARK.

23  
24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IF YOU WOULD, SIR.



1   **ROBERT CHATTEL:** YES. I'M ROBERT CHATTEL AND I'M THE  
2   ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN THAT THE COUNTY HAS ENGAGED TO ASSIST  
3   WITH THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT.

4

5   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** COULD YOU SPEAK CLOSER TO THE MICROPHONE?  
6   THERE YOU GO. THANK YOU.

7

8   **ROBERT CHATTEL:** WE ARE ENGAGED AFTER THE DRAFT E.I.R. WAS  
9   PREPARED AND ASSISTED THE APPLICANT IN PREPARING A MODIFIED  
10   PROJECT DESIGN THAT MORE CLOSELY CONFORMS WITH THE SECRETARY  
11   OF THE INTERIOR STANDARDS FOR THE TREATMENT OF HISTORIC  
12   PROPERTIES. WE WERE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE RETENTION  
13   OF INTERIOR FEATURES OF THE THEATER, ESPECIALLY THE SEQUENCE  
14   OF SPACE AND CIRCULATION AND THE HIGH VOLUME CHARACTER OF THE  
15   AUDITORIUM SPACE AND THE VISIBILITY OF DECORATIVE FEATURES. IN  
16   THE MODIFIED PROJECT DESIGN AS PRESENTED IN THE FINAL E.I.R.,  
17   A NUMBER OF IMPROVEMENTS WERE MADE. WE FOUND THAT THE PROJECT  
18   STILL DOESN'T CONFORM WITH THE SECRETARY STANDARDS BUT DOES  
19   NOT RESULT IN MATERIAL IMPAIRMENT, PARTICULARLY THAT THE  
20   ALTERATIONS PROPOSED ARE REVERSIBLE IN CONFORMANCE WITH  
21   STANDARD 10. IT'S MY OPINION THAT THIS IS A MODEL PROJECT  
22   CONVERTING A THEATRE INTO A RETAIL USE, AND ACHIEVES THE  
23   APPROPRIATE BALANCE OF CONTINUITY AND CHANGE. I TOO AM  
24   AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

25



1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. NO ONE ELSE  
2    GOING TO REPORT ON THIS? ALL RIGHT. ON THIS ITEM, WE HAVE MANY  
3    PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SPEAK IN FAVOR AND MANY WHO WANT TO SPEAK  
4    OPPOSED. LET ME JUST BEGIN BY STATING THAT THIS IS AN  
5    UNFORTUNATE SITUATION THAT I INHERITED WHILE I WAS CITY  
6    COUNCILWOMAN AND ON MY WAY OVER TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
7    SUPERVISORS. AT THAT TIME, THAT DISTRICT WAS REPRESENTED BY  
8    SUPERVISOR ED EDELMAN. AND FOR SOME REASON, AND I'M NOT SURE  
9    EXACTLY HOW THAT OCCURRED, THEY BEGAN DESTROYING THE VEGA  
10   BUILDING, WHICH IS THE SURROUNDING -- WHICH IS A BEAUTIFUL  
11   BUILDING THAT WAS SURROUNDING THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER, KIND OF  
12   THE ENTRYWAY INTO IT. AND UNFORTUNATELY, MUCH OF IT WAS  
13   DESTROYED IN THAT PROCESS BEFORE WE WERE ABLE TO STOP IT FROM  
14   BEING DESTROYED. AND EVENTUALLY IT LED TO US HAVING TO TEAR IT  
15   DOWN. AND I'M NOT SURE IF THE VEGA BUILDING WAS A HISTORIC  
16   BUILDING, I THINK IT WAS. AND IT WAS INAPPROPRIATELY DESTROYED  
17   AT THAT TIME. SO WE HAVE BEEN TRYING FOR NOW, IT SEEMS LIKE  
18   WELL OVER 18 YEARS AND TRYING TO FIND A WAY, ALTHOUGH WE DON'T  
19   OWN THE PROPERTY, THAT WE COULD ACCOMMODATE VARIOUS  
20   UTILIZATION FOR THAT PROPERTY AND, OF COURSE, ALWAYS TRYING TO  
21   KEEP INTACT ALL ASPECTS OF THE HISTORIC NATURE OF THE GOLDEN  
22   GATE THEATER, WHICH IS A SIGNIFICANT ICONIC BUILDING FOR THE  
23   ENTIRE EAST SIDE. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE HAD MANY A DEVELOPER  
24   WHO HAS PROPOSED VARIOUS ITEMS, BUT BECAUSE OF THE HISTORIC  
25   RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THEY WOULD UNDERTAKE, MANY OF THOSE



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1 PROJECTS HAVE NOT BEEN FULFILLED. AND SO IT HAS LAID VACANT  
2 SINCE THEN. UNFORTUNATELY IT HAS DETERIORATED SIGNIFICANTLY  
3 AND HAS ALSO BECOME A MAGNET FOR HOMELESS AS WELL AS DRUG  
4 USERS. WE HAVE HAD THE HELP OF AN HISTORIC ARCHITECT AND THE  
5 DEVELOPER HAS DONE A GOOD JOB I THINK FOR THE MOST PART IN  
6 TRYING TO FIND THOSE WAYS TO PRESERVE AND RETAIN THE  
7 SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES THAT MAKE THIS PROPERTY  
8 VERY HISTORIC. ADDITIONALLY, THEY ARE RESTORING AND PRESERVING  
9 THE BUILDING IN A MANNER THAT IS PROPOSED WITH THE DRUGSTORE.  
10 AND WHAT I THINK IS EXCITING ABOUT IT, I DON'T KNOW IF IT WILL  
11 EVER HAPPEN IN MY LIFETIME OR IF IT CAN, IT CAN ALL BE  
12 REVERSED IN A MANNER THAT ALL OF IT COULD BE PUT BACK IN PLACE  
13 SHOULD WE ALLOW OR HAVE REUSE OF THE THEATER ONE DAY. I WANTED  
14 TO THANK THE PLANNING STAFF. I KNOW THAT THIS WAS A TOUGH JOB,  
15 BUT I PARTICULARLY AM PLEASED WITH THE CONDITIONS THAT WERE  
16 PLACED ON ALCOHOL SALES, THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE ANY INDIVIDUAL  
17 BOTTLES OR CANS THAT WILL BE SOLD, AS I UNDERSTAND. THAT  
18 THERE'S A LIMITATION OF WHAT, LESS THAN 5% OF THE ENTIRE  
19 SQUARE FOOTAGE WOULD BE DEDICATED AT ALL TO ALCOHOL USE. AND,  
20 OF COURSE, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THAT WE'RE NOT ADDING TO THE  
21 BURDEN OF ALREADY OVERCROWDED AREAS OF TOO MANY LIQUOR STORES  
22 IN THAT AREA. BUT WE ARE -- WE MADE SURE THAT THIS PHARMACY  
23 WAS TO BUY A LIQUOR LICENSE FROM SOMEONE WHO ALREADY HAD ONE  
24 WITHIN THE REGION, WITHIN THE AREA. SO I THINK THOSE WERE  
25 EFFECTIVE CONDITIONS AND MITIGATIONS THAT WERE GOING TO BE PUT



1 IN PLACE. IDEAL WOULD HAVE BEEN TO RESTORE THE GOLDEN GATE  
2 THEATER TO ITS SPLENDOR OF ITS TIME, BUT REGRETFULLY, THAT  
3 WASN'T THE CASE. THE COMMUNITY FOR A LONG TIME HAS ASKED FOR A  
4 PHARMACY, A DRUGSTORE WITHIN THAT COMMUNITY, AND I THINK ARE  
5 PLEASED WITH THE OUTCOME, WITH THE PRESERVATION WITH AS MUCH  
6 OF THE BUILDING AS POSSIBLE, MAINTAINING THE HISTORIC NATURE,  
7 HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE AND WORK WITH A DEVELOPER THAT  
8 HAS BEEN COOPERATIVE IN THAT REGARD. BUT I THINK MOST  
9 IMPORTANTLY IS THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN REALLY TIRED OF SEEING  
10 THAT PROPERTY VACANT THERE FOR SO VERY LONG, AND IT'S CREATED  
11 A VERY, VERY NEGATIVE SITUATION. SO HOPEFULLY THAT WE'RE GOING  
12 TO BRING IT BACK TO LIFE, NOT INTO ITS FULL SPLENDOR, BUT AT  
13 LEAST AN OPPORTUNITY SO IT WILL BE USED BY THE COMMUNITY, IT  
14 WILL BE AN ACTIVE PART OF THE COMMUNITY, AND IT WILL FULFILL  
15 THE DESIRE OF THE COMMUNITY TO HAVE A PHARMACY WITHIN THAT  
16 EAST SIDE COMMUNITY. SO AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT'S GONE  
17 THROUGH A REAL STRUGGLE, BUT I THINK THAT WE HAVE THE BEST  
18 COMPROMISE BEFORE US. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO EVENTUALLY MOVING  
19 FORWARD AND GETTING THAT APPROVED IN ITS FINAL ORDER. BUT WE  
20 HAVE MANY FOLKS, I'M GOING TO TAKE THE OPPOSITION FIRST. WE'D  
21 LIKE YOU TO LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS, BUT WE HAVE, AS I UNDERSTAND  
22 IT, I DIDN'T COUNT -- WE HAVE 16? I'M SORRY. 13 PEOPLE WHO ARE  
23 OPPOSED TO IT. SO IF YOU COULD LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS, WE WOULD  
24 APPRECIATE IT. WE WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO GO BEYOND THREE  
25 MINUTES. BUT IF YOU WOULD LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS, IT WILL HELP UP



1 THROUGH THIS. I'M GOING TO CALL FOLKS IN GROUPS OF THREE. SO  
2 WE WILL BEGIN WITH TERESA MARQUEZ. TERESA, IF YOU WOULD JOIN  
3 US. RICARDO LOPEZ AND DIANA DELPOZO-MORA. IF THEY WOULD JOIN  
4 US, PLEASE. MS. MARQUEZ, IF YOU WOULD BEGIN.

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6 **TERESA MARQUEZ:** MY NAME IS TERESA MARQUEZ, AND I'M  
7 REPRESENTING AND A BOARD MEMBER OF THE MOTHERS OF EAST L.A. WE  
8 HAVE A PRESENTATION HERE THAT WOULD TAKE MORE THAN THE TWO,  
9 THREE MINUTES, AND I WANT TO ASK YOU THAT PEOPLE THAT ARE WITH  
10 US WILL GIVE UP THEIR TIME FOR ME TO CONTINUE THIS  
11 PRESENTATION.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU WISH TO TAKE?

14

15 **TERESA MARQUEZ:** I WILL PROBABLY NEED ABOUT 10 MINUTES.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AGAIN, WE USUALLY DO HAVE A LIMITATION. IS  
18 THERE ANY WAY THAT YOU COULD SHARE YOUR PRESENTATION WITH  
19 OTHER MEMBERS? IT WOULD JUST MAKE IT EASIER.

20

21 **TERESA MARQUEZ:** THIS HAS BEEN PRESENTED, 15 COPIES HAVE BEEN  
22 HANDED OVER TO THE -- HE HAS THEM. AND I COULD JUST NOT READ  
23 THE WHOLE THING.

24



1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE WOULD LIKE TO INDULGE YOU AS  
2    MUCH AS POSSIBLE, BUT WE DO HAVE A LIMITATION HERE, SO WHY  
3    DON'T YOU GO AHEAD AND PROCEED.

4

5    **TERESA MARQUEZ:** OKAY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. DEAR HONORABLE  
6    SUPERVISORS, MOTHERS OF EAST L.A., M.E.L.A., APPEAL THE LOS  
7    ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL OF THE  
8    ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, E.I.R., CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT  
9    AND THE STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION, REGARDING THE  
10   ADOPTIVE REUSE OF THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER TO A C.V.S.  
11   DRUGSTORE. WE ARE ALSO OPPOSED TO THE APPROVAL OF A LIQUOR  
12   LICENSE FOR THE OFF-SITE CONSUMPTION. ADJACENT TO THE MEDIA  
13   ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DESIGN ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL, NUMBER 9  
14   AND THE ALCOHOL ABUSE TREATMENT ACROSS THE STREET. M.E.L.A.  
15   AND THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY, AS EVIDENCED BY THE  
16   SIGNATORIES IN THE SUPPORT OF M.E.L.A. POSITION, ATTACHMENT A,  
17   RELY ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ITS  
18   PARTICULAR CHAIRWOMAN MOLINA TO VOTE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF  
19   THE RESIDENTS OF THE AREA SURROUNDING THE PROJECT.  
20   ACCORDINGLY, M.E.L.A. SUBMITTED THIS LETTER TO PROVIDE THE  
21   POSITION OF THE COMMUNITY AFFECTED BY THE PROJECT. THE CHARLES  
22   COMPANY RESPONSE CAN BE SUMMED UP IN -- AS AN APPEAL TO THE  
23   BOARD OF AFFIRM REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE  
24   PROJECT BASED ON THE SUPPORT AND ENDORSEMENT OF THOSE WHO DO  
25   NOT LIVE OR WORK IN THE AREA IN EAST LOS ANGELES. THE CHARLES





1 COMPANY HAS NOT ONLY FAILED TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF THE  
2 COMMUNITY, BUT ACTUALLY HIGHLIGHTED THE EXTENSIVE EFFORT TO  
3 AVOID THE COMMUNITY'S INTEREST. THE CHARLES COMPANY RESPONDS  
4 WITH THREE ARGUMENTS. THE PROJECT MAINTAINS THE HISTORICAL  
5 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER, MOSTLY BY REMOVING  
6 THE PRESERVING PARTS OF THE THEATRE. TWO, THE CHARLES COMPANY  
7 HAS COMPLIED WITH A MINIMUM REQUIREMENT OF THE CALIFORNIA  
8 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, C.E.Q.A., AND THREE, THE CHARLES  
9 COMPANY PROVIDED --

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. GO AHEAD.

12

13 **TERESA MARQUEZ:** REQUIRED NOTICE TO ALL POTENTIAL AFFECTED  
14 PARTIES. M.E.L.A. ADDRESSES EACH ARGUMENT HEREIN AND ALSO  
15 SUMMARIZES THE EVENT AND EVIDENCE OF SUPPORTING M.E.L.A.  
16 POSITION. THE CHARLES COMPANY PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES,  
17 INCLUDING THE REMOVAL OF THE PRESERVATION OF CERTAIN  
18 HISTORICAL FEATURES OF THE THEATER, SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED  
19 WITHOUT CONSIDERING PAST FAILURES TO PRESERVE THE HISTORICAL  
20 PIECE AS PROMISED. FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS, THE CHARLES  
21 COMPANY HAS OWNED THE PROPERTY. THEY HAVE FAILED TO AT LEAST  
22 MOTHBALL THE BUILDING AS TO PREVENT FURTHER DETERIORATION.  
23 THEY HAVE CLAIMED TO HAVE REPLACED THE ROOF, BUT WITH THE LACK  
24 OF PROPER PRESERVATION. THE BUILDING HAS NOW DILAPIDATED INTO  
25 WORSE CONDITIONS REMARKABLY -- WORSE CONDITIONS -- I'M SORRY.



1 THEY HAVE CLAIMED TO HAVE REPLACED THE ROOF BUT WITH THE LACK  
2 OF PROPER PRESERVATION, THE BUILDING HAS NOT DILAPIDATED INTO  
3 WORSE CONDITIONS. REMARKABLY, THE CHARLES COMPANY NOW USES THE  
4 CONDITION OF BUILDING AS AN ARGUMENT THAT REVITALIZATION IS  
5 REQUIRED TO ADDRESS AN EYESORE, WHEN IT WAS GREATLY THEIR  
6 FAULT THAT IT IS THE CONDITION THAT IT IS NOW IN. THE HISTORY  
7 OF THE EFFORTS TO RENOVATE THE GOLDEN GATE THEATRE --

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MISS MARQUEZ, SO YOU'RE ON PAGE 2 AND YOU  
10 HAVE 7 MORE PAGES TO GO. WE HAVE A TRADITION HERE OF USUALLY  
11 ALLOWING THREE MINUTES. IS IT POSSIBLE, YOU HAVE OTHER  
12 SPEAKERS, MAYBE THEY CAN CONTINUE TO READ THE PRESENTATION?  
13 THAT'LL MAKE IT EASIER FOR US.

14

15 **TERESA MARQUEZ:** OKAY.

16

17 **DIANA DELPOZO-MORA:** HELLO. I'M DIANA DELPOZO-MORA. GOOD  
18 MORNING. SO THE HISTORY OF THE EFFORTS TO INNOVATE THE GOLDEN  
19 GATE THEATRE GOES BEYOND THE LAST APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT. THE  
20 BOARD MUST CONSIDER SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS OF THE COMMUNITY OVER  
21 THE THREE -- THE LAST THREE DECADES TO MAINTAIN THE GOLDEN  
22 GATE THEATER AS AN HISTORICAL SYMBOL OF THE GREATNESS IN ITS  
23 ONCE FULL OF PRIDE THAT GREATNESS INSTILLS IN THE COMMUNITY.  
24 IN 1994, M.E.L.A., WITH THE HELP AND UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF  
25 THE SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA, PROHIBITED THE DEMOLITION OF THE



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1 GOLDEN GATE THEATER, ALTHOUGH M.E.L.A. COULD NOT PREVENT THE  
2 DEMOLITION OF THE VEGA BUILDING. IT WORKED WITH THE THEN  
3 CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLYWOMAN LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD TO CREATE  
4 A NEW STATE OF LAW TO PREVENT FURTHER DEMOLITION OF HISTORICAL  
5 STRUCTURES LIKE THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER. THE HISTORICAL ITEMS  
6 WERE REMOVED FROM THE FACADE, SUCH AS THE MARQUIS SIGNAGE AND  
7 THE TICKET BOOTH, AND WERE MANDATED TO BE PLACED IN A STORAGE  
8 AS INDICATED IN A LETTER FROM THE SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA,  
9 SEE THE ATTACHMENT. THE LETTER ALSO INDICATED THE REQUIRED  
10 FUTURE CONSTRUCTION OF THE VEGA BUILDING, DESPITE THE  
11 PROMISES, THE LEGAL REQUIREMENT, HOWEVER, THE REBUILDING AND  
12 THE REPLICATION OF THE VEGA BUILDING NEVER TOOK PLACE.  
13 MOREOVER, NONE OF THE HISTORICAL ITEMS REMOVED HAVE EVER BEEN  
14 FOUND TO DATE. NEITHER THE COUNTY NOR THE CHARLES COMPANY CAN  
15 LOCATE THEM. WE THEREFORE FEEL THAT THE SAME TREATMENT WILL  
16 HAPPEN WITH AN HISTORICAL REQUIREMENT IMPOSED IN THE LETTER OF  
17 THE OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION. THE CHARLES COMPANY ARGUES THAT  
18 C.E.Q.A. COULD NOT REQUIRE THAT THE E.I.R. CONSIDER ALL  
19 POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVES, BUT MERELY CERTAIN ONES CONSIDERED TO  
20 BE FEASIBLE. NOT ONLY HAS THE CHARLES COMPANY FAILED TO  
21 IDENTIFY HOW IT'S DETERMINED OUT THAT THE M.E.L.A. ALTERNATIVE  
22 IS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE PROPOSED BY THE COMMUNITY DIRECTLY  
23 AFFECTED BY THE PROJECT, THE CHARLES COMPANY CHOSE ALTERNATIVE  
24 DESIGNS TO PORTRAY ITS PROJECT IN THE BEST LIGHT POSSIBLE AND  
25 ARGUES THAT ALL THAT IS NEEDED IS A SUSTAINABLE EVIDENCE IN



1 THE RECORD TO SUPPORT FINDINGS AND -- REGARDLESS OF WHETHER  
2 THE E.I.R. MEETS THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF C.E.Q.A., WHICH  
3 M.E.L.A. DOES NOT CONCEDE, THE BOARD, AS REPRESENTATIVES OF  
4 THE COMMUNITY, MUST ASSESS THESE PROJECTS THAT THE BEST  
5 INTEREST IS FOR THE COMMUNITY. NO ONE CAN DISPUTE THAT EAST  
6 LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY IS IN NEED OF ART, CULTURE, EDUCATION,  
7 AS WELL AS ECONOMIC VITALITY TO INSTALL PRIDE AND PROVIDE A  
8 WELL ROUNDED EDUCATION FOR OUR YOUTH, THE M.E.L.A. ALTERNATIVE  
9 IS A COMPREHENSIVE AND FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE THAT ADDRESSES  
10 EVERYONE AND THOSE NEEDS. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SIR?

13

14 **RICARDO LOPEZ:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS RICARDO  
15 LOPEZ, AND I LIVE ON WOODS AVENUE DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET  
16 FROM THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER. AND AT THIS TIME, I'D LIKE TO  
17 CONCUR WITH THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING WHEN THE GENTLEMAN  
18 SPOKE AND SAID THAT HE PRAYED TO THE SPIRITS THIS MORNING. I,  
19 TOO, WHEN I WOKE, I LOOKED OUT MY FRONT WINDOW AND I SAID GOOD  
20 MORNING TO THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER AND I DID ASK THAT THE  
21 SPIRITS LOOKED FAVORABLY UPON THESE PROCEEDINGS TODAY. THAT  
22 BEING SAID AND WITHOUT GETTING INTO ANY FORMIDABLE READING, I  
23 JUST WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK FROM THE HEART, I THINK THAT'S BEST.  
24 AND AT THIS TIME, I AM SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED, I'M ASHAMED AND  
25 TO A DEGREE SOMEWHAT INSULTED AS WHAT HAS GONE ON IN REGARDS



1 TO THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER. I CONCUR WITH ALL DUE RESPECT  
2 THAT, IN FACT, THAT THERE HAS BEEN MANY YEARS THAT HAS GONE BY  
3 WITHOUT ANYTHING GOING ON AT THE GOLDEN GATE. BUT THE LAST  
4 THING WE NEED AS A COMMUNITY AND AS A COMMUNITY PERSON IS TO  
5 HAVE SOMEONE OR AN ORGANIZATION OR DEVELOPERS COME IN AND TELL  
6 US EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED. I WAS SOMEWHAT INSULTED LAST WEEK BY  
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHARLES COMPANY AT A TOWN HALL MEETING  
8 WHEN THEY CAME INTO OUR COMMUNITY IN EAST LOS TO TELL US THAT  
9 WE ARE HERE TO DO SOMETHING FOR YOU, WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU,  
10 WE ARE HERE TO ASSIST YOU. YOU KNOW, I FIND -- I THINK I'M  
11 SOMEWHAT EDUCATED, BUT TO HAVE SOMEONE TO BE VERY  
12 CONDESCENDING TO COME INTO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND SAY THAT WE  
13 ARE GOING TO DO WHAT'S BEST FOR YOU. AS AN ARTIST AND AS  
14 SOMEONE WHO RAN THE SILVER DOLLAR BAR AND TURNED IT INTO A  
15 CULTURAL AND THEATER CENTER FROM 2000 TO 2004, TO HOLD -- IN  
16 REMEMBRANCE TO REUBEN SALAZAR, I THINK THAT REUBEN SALAZAR,  
17 TOO, WOULD BE INSULTED AS TO WHAT IS GOING ON HERE IN OUR  
18 COMMUNITY. I'M SURE HE WILL TELL THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT  
19 YOU KNOW -- IT IS TIME TO RISE UP, IT IS TIME TO MAYBE PULL  
20 YOURSELVES UP AND LOOK OUT AT WHAT'S BEST FOR THE COMMUNITY.  
21 AND I CAN ASSURE YOU, I CAN ASSURE THE SUPERVISORS THAT IT IS  
22 NOT ANOTHER LIQUOR STORE, IT IS NOT A PHARMACY THAT WE NEED. I  
23 CANNOT REMEMBER THE LAST TIME THAT LIQUOR SOLVED ANY PROBLEMS,  
24 WHETHER IT COMES IN ONE CAN OR WHETHER IT COMES IN TWO CANS,  
25 IT DOES NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM. AS A COMMUNITY, AS AN ARTIST, I



1 ASK THE SUPERVISORS, I ASK YOU TO DIG DOWN, I ASK YOU TO DIG  
2 DEEP WITH A CONSCIOUS TO SAY, WE ARE GOING TO DO SOMETHING FOR  
3 THE COMMUNITY. YOU KNOW, THERE'S A LEGACY. I LOVE THAT WORD,  
4 "LEGACY," AND I WOULD HATE TO THINK THAT AS A MEMBER OF THE  
5 COMMUNITY, AND I LOOK AT ALL THE BEAUTIFUL BROWN PEOPLE IN THE  
6 AUDIENCE, IN A SENSE OF A DIVISIVENESS TO SAY WE'RE HERE OR  
7 AGAINST, BUT TO JOIN COLLECTIVELY AND SAY, THIS IS OUR  
8 COMMUNITY AND WE ARE LOOKING OUT FOR IT AND I GUARANTEE YOU,  
9 AS MY WISH, THAT I WILL DO EVERYTHING AS A COMMUNITY PERSON TO  
10 ENSURE THAT WE HAVE AN ART CENTER, THAT WE LEAVE A LEGACY FOR  
11 THE -- FOR THE CHILDREN OF EAST LOS ANGELES.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT WE HAVE EDDIE TORRES,  
14 LUCY DELGADO, CARMEN ESCARCEGA. MISS MARQUEZ, IF YOU WANT TO  
15 SHARE YOUR PRESENTATION WITH OTHER MEMBERS, THEY MIGHT BE  
16 WILLING TO DO IT. IF I COULD HAVE THOSE THREE MEMBERS COME UP  
17 AND JOIN US. MR. TORRES, MISS DELGADO AND MISS ESCARCEGA. THIS  
18 DOOR OPENS ALSO, THEY'LL PUSH THE BUTTON THERE. JUST PUSH IT  
19 THROUGH. THANK YOU.

20

21 **EDDIE TORRES:** SUPERVISOR. MAY I SAY SOMETHING? I HAVE SOMEONE  
22 HERE THAT'S NAME HASN'T BEEN CALLED, BUT I MIGHT NEED AN EXTRA  
23 TWO MINUTES TO READ STATISTICS, WOULD THAT BE AVAILABLE?

24

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO. THIS IS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. ALL  
2    RIGHT? I'M SORRY. WE'RE GOING TO LIMIT IT TO THREE MINUTES,  
3    AND PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK.

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5    **EDDIE TORRES:** I HAVE SOME STATISTICS I'D LIKE TO DISTRIBUTE.

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7    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SURE. THEY'LL BE PASSED OUT. MR. TORRES,  
8    DO YOU WANT TO BEGIN?

9

10   **EDDIE TORRES:** YES, CAN I JUST HELP HER IN HER SEAT? SHE SHOULD  
11   HELP ME, REALLY.

12

13   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

14

15   **EDDIE TORRES:** DOES EVERYBODY HAVE THEIR STATISTICS?

16

17   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PLEASE BEGIN, MR. TORRES.

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19   **EDDIE TORRES:** OKAY. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
20   EDDIE TORRES, AND I WORKED AT THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER AS AN  
21   ASSISTANT MANAGER AND ALSO A PROJECTIONIST, AND I WAS ALSO  
22   RESIDENT AT THE VEGA BUILDING --

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24   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** EDDIE, DO YOU WANT TO PUT THE MICROPHONE  
25   JUST A LITTLE CLOSER TO YOU JUST SO WE CAN HEAR YOU.





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2 **EDDIE TORRES:** CAN I START OVER?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES.

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6 **EDDIE TORRES:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS EDDIE  
7 TORRES. I WAS AN ASSISTANT MANAGER AT THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER  
8 AND ALSO A PROJECTIONIST AND I WAS A RESIDENT OF THE VEGA  
9 BUILDING UNTIL THE EARTHQUAKE THAT LEFT US HOMELESS. I AM A  
10 MEMBER OF THIS COMMUNITY SPEAKING AGAINST THE PROPOSED C.V.S.  
11 AND SPEAKING BECAUSE I LIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND IT AFFECTS  
12 ME AND MY NEIGHBORS. WE WHO WERE NOT INFORMED NOR INVITED TO  
13 THE TOWN HALL MEETING GIVEN BY THE CHARLES COMPANY AND AIDED  
14 BY FIRST DISTRICT MAY 19TH AT THE EAST L.A. LIBRARY. I DO NOT  
15 APPRECIATE BEING EXCLUDED FROM INFORMATION AFFECTING MY  
16 NEIGHBORHOOD. BUSINESS OWNER -- I AM A BUSINESS OWNER AND ALSO  
17 A RESIDENT OF THIS AREA. OUR COMMUNITY CAN DO BETTER THAN --  
18 AND WITH WILLING PARTICIPANTS PROPOSED BY THE MOTHERS OF EAST  
19 LOS ANGELES, OF EAST L.A., AND WE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER AND NOT  
20 AGAINST EACH OTHER. LET'S NOT RUSH INTO ANY COMMITMENTS AT  
21 THIS POINT. LET'S PRESERVE OUR HISTORY FOR THE REST OF OUR  
22 COMMUNITY FOR THE REST OF TIME, AND I HANDED OUT THIS DOCUMENT  
23 THAT SAYS PATTY'S LIQUORS AT THE TOP. I'LL JUST GO THROUGH IT  
24 REAL QUICKLY. I WENT TO PATTY'S LIQUOR THAT YOU CAN SEE ON THE  
25 SECOND PAGE IS A MAP, IT'S 300 FEET AWAY FROM THE PROPOSED



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1 C.V.S. ON THE SECOND PAGE, YOU CAN SEE WHERE IT'S AT. AND THEN  
2 ATLANTIC LIQUOR, THAT'S LESS LESS THAN 0.1 MILE AWAY FROM  
3 C.V.S. AS YOU CAN SEE BY THE FIRST PAGE, IT SAYS C.V.S. BEER,  
4 FOUR SHELVES, DOUBLE STACKED TOTAL 40 FEET, FOUR STACKS, AND  
5 THEN PATTY AND ATLANTIC LIQUOR HAVE ONLY A TOTAL OF 22 FEET.  
6 C.V.S. PHARMACY HAS MORE THAN 18 FEET, GOING ON TO WINE, FIVE  
7 SHELVES TOTAL, 36 FEET, C.V.S. WINE AT PATTY'S LIQUOR AND  
8 ATLANTIC LIQUOR, ONLY EIGHT FEET. SO C.V.S. IS MORE BY 28  
9 FEET, NOT JUST 28 FEET LINEAR, BUT THE STACKED SHELVES. THAT'S  
10 FURTHER THAN FROM HERE TO THAT LADY'S DESK. C.V.S. PHARMACY,  
11 HARD LIQUOR, 5 SHELVES, TOTAL FOOTAGE 36 FEET. PATTY'S LIQUOR,  
12 HARD LIQUOR, 6-1/2 SHELVES, TOTAL FEET, 26, 12 FEET, FIVE  
13 STACK, C.V.S. CARRIES MORE. THE MAJORITY OF C.V.S. PHARMACY  
14 LIQUOR IS WITHIN REACH OF ANYONE AT ANY AGE. ALSO, BEER AND  
15 WINE DISPLAYED AROUND STORES ADDITIONAL ONE SHELF HARD LIQUOR  
16 BEHIND CHECKOUT. STORES IN EAST L.A., LIQUOR IS BEHIND THE  
17 COUNTER. VIRTUALLY WHAT WE WILL DO RIGHT HERE IS WE'LL ADD TO  
18 AN OVER CONGESTED AREA BY ALLOWING C.V.S. TO HAVE A LIQUOR  
19 LICENSE THERE AND IT WILL BRING THREE TIMES MORE ON THE C.V.S.  
20 SHELVES, EVEN THOUGH IT'S ONLY LIKE 5%, WILL BE THREE TIMES  
21 MORE TO C.V.S., TO THE EAST L.A. COMMUNITY, AND AS YOU CAN  
22 SEE, THE MAP ON THE SECOND PAGE, AN OVER-DENSELY POPULATED  
23 AREA OF LIQUOR LICENSES BY TAKING AWAY A BAR'S LIQUOR LICENSE  
24 FOUR BLOCKS OVER AND THEN GIVING C.V.S. THE RIGHT TO SELL 20  
25 TIMES MORE LIQUOR TO THE COMMUNITY IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST



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1 OF THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY THAT I WILL FIGHT TO THE END  
2 FOR IT TO STOP.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. TORRES.  
5 [ APPLAUSE ]

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ONE OF THE THINGS IS WE'RE GOING TO DO IS  
8 WE DON'T ALLOW CLAPPING, SO IF YOU WANT TO BE SUPPORTIVE,  
9 WE'RE GOING TO LET YOU RAISE YOUR HANDS SO YOU CAN SHOW YOUR  
10 SUPPORT QUIETLY FOR EACH OF THOSE MEMBERS. OKAY? MS. DELGADO.

11

12 **LUCY DELGADO:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M GOING TO  
13 CONTINUE.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SURE, PLEASE.

16

17 **LUCY DELGADO:** WHERE ARE WE AT? M.E.L.A. HAS CONTINUED TO REACH  
18 OUT TO THE CHARLES COMPANY, WHO HAS BEEN NONRESPONSIVE. THE  
19 ONLY COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING HELD BY THE CHARLES COMPANY  
20 WAS ON MAY 19, 2010 AT THE EAST LOS ANGELES LIBRARY. M.E.L.A.  
21 WAS NEVER FORMALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE, NOR WERE ANY OF OUR  
22 RESIDENTS WITHIN THE PROJECT'S VICINITY. PRIOR TO THIS  
23 MORNING, THE CHARLES COMPANY DID HOST A MEETING JOINTLY WITH  
24 THE FIRST DISTRICT STAFF, AT WHICH M.E.L.A. WAS INVITED. THE  
25 FIRST DISTRICT ASKED THAT WE CONSIDER A MASTER PLAN WHICH



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1 INCLUDED THE PROPERTY ADDED INTO THE PROJECT. M.E.L.A. MET  
2 WITH FRED LEEDS FOR ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER. M.E.L.A.  
3 PRESENTED A MASTER PLAN INCLUDING LEEDS' PROPERTY AND THE  
4 FULLY RESTORED GOLDEN GATE THEATER WITH THE RECONSTRUCTED VEGA  
5 BUILDING HOUSING, HOSTING A PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL. THE MASTER  
6 PLAN WAS ALSO INCLUDED A SATELLITE SCHOOL SERVICING EAST LOS  
7 ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING INCLUDING  
8 WARNER BROTHERS STUDIO ASSISTED TRAINING FOR MOTION PICTURE  
9 INDUSTRIES, COLLECTIVELY THE COMMUNITY'S ALTERNATIVE. M.E.L.A.  
10 MET WITH THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY CENTER REAL ESTATE  
11 CONSULTANT, WHO WAS INTERESTED IN COLLABORATING WITH M.E.L.A.,  
12 BUT NOT UNTIL THERE WERE NO AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOTH THE CHARLES  
13 COMPANY AND FRED LEEDS. ALL THESE EVENTS OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE  
14 APPROVAL OF THE F.E.I.R.. NONE OF THESE INCIDENTS OR THE  
15 COMMUNITY'S ALTERNATIVE WERE DISCLOSED AS ALTERNATIVE PLAN IN  
16 ANY STAFF REPORTS, OR IN THE E.I.R., AS PRESENTED TO THE  
17 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION.

18  
19 **CARMEN ESCARCEGA:** HI. CARMEN ESCARCEGA. I'M GOING TO CONTINUE.  
20 THE CHARLES COMPANY GAINED THE SUPPORT OF THE L.A. CONSERVANCY  
21 AND THE L.A. HISTORIC THEATRE FOUNDATION BY IMPLYING THAT THE  
22 BUILDING WOULD BE EASILY REVERSIBLE TO CONVERT BACK TO A  
23 THEATRE. HILLSMAN WRIGHT OF THE LOS ANGELES HISTORIC THEATRE  
24 STATED THAT THEY WOULD ONLY SUPPORT THE PROJECT IF AND ONLY IF  
25 THE PROJECT WAS EASILY REVERSIBLE. HOWEVER, AT THE OUTREACH



1 MEETING HOSTED AT THE EAST L.A. LIBRARY ON MAY 19, 2010, THE  
2 QUESTION OF REVERSIBILITY WAS BROUGHT UP WHEN THE ISSUE OF THE  
3 GRANDFATHERED PARKING FOR THE THEATRE WOULD DIMINISH ONCE THE  
4 DRUGSTORE CAME INTO PLAY. TO CHANGE THE USE FROM A DRUGSTORE  
5 TO A THEATER WOULD REQUIRE CURRENT PARKING REQUIREMENTS WHICH  
6 THE SITE DOES NOT SUPPORT. MR. RON HOLLY, THE REPRESENTATIVE  
7 OF THE CHARLES COMPANY, STATED THAT THE PROJECT WAS NEVER  
8 MEANT TO BE EASILY REVERSIBLE AND HE HAD HOPED C.V.S. WOULD  
9 STAY THERE FOR A LONG PERIOD OF YEARS. THIS CONTRADICTS THE  
10 PRESENTATION AS LAID OUT TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE REGIONAL  
11 PLANNING COMMISSION WITH FALSE PRETENSES AND THE THEATER COULD  
12 NOT BE REVERSED IN THE FUTURE. M.E.L.A. BELIEVES THAT THE  
13 PROJECT WAS APPROVED AND SUPPORT GARNERED BASED ON FALSE  
14 PRESENTATIONS BY THE CHARLES COMPANY TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO  
15 THE PLANNING COMMISSION. THE ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY OF THE  
16 RENOVATED THEATER, INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY'S ALTERNATIVE, CAN  
17 BECOME A REALITY IF THE COUNTY IS WILLING TO STAND FOR THE  
18 INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE FACE OF PRESSURE BY THE  
19 CHARLES COMPANY. AS STATED BY MR. JOHN CAROLD, A  
20 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHARLES COMPANY, IN A MEETING WITH  
21 M.E.L.A. ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2009, THE CHARLES COMPANY IS WILLING  
22 TO DEVELOP THE PROJECT IF IT HAD THE SUPPORT FROM THE  
23 COMMUNITY AND THE SUPERVISOR. THE COMMUNITY NOW STANDS BEFORE  
24 YOU IN SUPPORT OF A PERFORMING ARTS VENUE, NOT A C.V.S.  
25 DRUGSTORE. NOTABLY NOT ONLY IS THE CHARLES COMPANY RELIANCE ON



1 THE SUPPORT OF L.A. CONSERVANCY AND THE L.A. HISTORIC  
2 FOUNDATION BASED ON MISINFORMATION, BUT SUCH SUPPORT IS  
3 IRRELEVANT TO THE EVALUATION OF THE NEEDS OF THE EAST LOS  
4 ANGELES COMMUNITY. THE L.A. CONSERVANCY DOES NOT REPRESENT THE  
5 MEMBERS OF THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY NOR DOES IT PURPORT  
6 TO KNOW THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. RATHER, THE BOARD SHOULD  
7 PUT GREAT WEIGHT ON THE INTERESTS AND REQUESTS OF THE EAST LOS  
8 ANGELES COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THE CHARLES COMPANY DEDICATES CLOSE  
9 TO THREE PAGES LAYING OUT THE APPLICABLE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS  
10 AND PURPORTING TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH SUCH REQUIREMENTS.  
11 HOWEVER, AS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THE LACK OF NOTICE BY THE  
12 CHARLES COMPANY, M.E.L.A. OFFERS THAT RICARDO LOPEZ, WHO  
13 RESIDES AT SOUTH WOODS AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, 90022,  
14 WITHIN 500 FEET OF THE PROJECT. AND HIS NEIGHBORS DID NOT  
15 RECEIVE ANY NOTICE FROM THE CHARLES COMPANY OF THE HEARING SET  
16 FOR MAY 25, 2010. FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, AS EVIDENCED BY  
17 THE DOCUMENT SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT, THE LETTER OF THE  
18 SIGNATURES IN SUPPORT OF M.E.L.A.'S POSITION AND THE TESTIMONY  
19 OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS ANTICIPATED FOR THE HEARING OF MAY  
20 25, 2010, M.E.L.A. REQUESTED THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD  
21 OF SUPERVISORS OVERTURN THE APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT BY THE  
22 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION.  
23

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT WE HAVE  
2    -- YEAH, YOU CAN DO THIS. NEXT WE HAVE CARMEN VALENCIA,  
3    FOLLOWED BY SAM BARRAZA.

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5    **LUCY DELGADO:** CAN I SAY SOMETHING BEFORE I LEAVE?

6

7    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES MISS DELGADO, PLEASE.

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9    **LUCY DELGADO:** YES. WELL, YOU HAVE BEEN WITH US FOR A LONG  
10    TIME, GLORIA. PLEASE THINK IT OVER. DON'T LET US DOWN.

11

12    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MISS DELGADO, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I'VE  
13    BEEN WITH THE COMMUNITY FOR A LONG TIME. WE CAN'T AGREE ALL OF  
14    THE TIME. IN THIS INSTANCE, WE HAD OVER 18 YEARS IN WHICH THIS  
15    PROPOSAL COULD HAVE COME FORWARD AND WE COULD HAVE FOUND A  
16    DEVELOPER THAT MAYBE -- IT IS NOW IN THE LAST DAYS OF TRYING  
17    TO MOVE FORWARD. AND SO IT IS AN UNFORTUNATE SITUATION THAT WE  
18    CAN'T HAVE THE THEATER, LIKE I SAY, IN THE FULL GLORY. BUT  
19    UNTIL WE COULD FIND A DEVELOPER WHO COULD DEVELOP IT TO THAT  
20    EXTENT, THEN WE ARE UNABLE RIGHT NOW, THE BEST WE HAVE IS THE  
21    COMPROMISE, TAKING THIS BUILDING AND AT LEAST LEAVING IT IN  
22    PLACE AND PRESERVING AS MUCH OF THE HISTORIC ASPECT AS WE CAN.  
23    IT FULFILLS ALSO THE COMMITMENT OF THE DEVELOPER IN TRYING TO  
24    MAKE IT A PROFITABLE SITUATION. AND SO IT IS A COMPROMISE, NOT  
25    THE BEST, AND I APPRECIATE YOU NOT ACCEPTING THAT, BUT AT THE





1 END OF THE DAY, IT HAS BEEN AN EYESORE THAT HAS BEEN SITTING  
2 THERE FOR SO LONG AND SO WE HOPE THAT THIS BE, AGAIN, THE BEST  
3 WAY TO REUSE THIS BUILDING. SO I'M SORRY THAT YOU'RE OPPOSING  
4 IT, MISS DELGADO. I REALLY APPRECIATE THOUGH YOU'RE HERE AND  
5 THE KIND OF ADVOCACY THAT YOU CONTINUE TO HAVE. MUCHISMAS  
6 GRACIAS, SENORA.

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8 **LUCY DELGADO:** THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MISS VALENCIA, SAM BARRAZA, AND  
11 FATHER JOHN MORETTA. WE HAVE A FOURTH CHAIR UP HERE. IF WE  
12 COULD HAVE SYLVIA NUNEZ ALSO JOIN US. IS CARMEN COMING, AND  
13 CARMEN VALENCIA? ALL RIGHT. IF NOT, HOW ABOUT DEDE VIDALES.

14

15 **SAMUEL BARRAZA:** YES. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. GOOD MORNING.  
16 MY NAME IS SAMUEL BARRAZA. I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN SILVER  
17 SIDE IN EAST LOS ANGELES. I'M NOT HERE ON BEHALF OF CITYHOOD  
18 FOR EAST LOS ANGELES, BUT I AM A VOLUNTEER FOR THE CITYHOOD OF  
19 EAST LOS ANGELES. I AM NOT HERE ON BEHALF OF M.E.L.A., MOTHERS  
20 OF EAST LOS ANGELES, BUT I AM A VOLUNTEER FOR M.E.L.A.,  
21 MOTHERS OF EAST LOS ANGELES, AND IN FAVOR OF THE COALITION TO  
22 SAVE THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER FROM BECOMING A DRUGSTORE/LIQUOR  
23 STORE. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE  
24 CHARLES DEVELOPMENT COMPANY FOR CONSIDERING TO DEVELOP AND TO  
25 GENERATE REVENUE IN AND FOR OUR GREAT COMMUNITY. BUT I AM



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1 AGAINST THE PROPOSED PROJECT TO PUT A DRUGSTORE/LIQUOR STORE  
2 AT THIS LOCATION. MRS. MOLINA, LAST WEEK, THERE WAS A TOWN  
3 HALL MEETING PRESENTED BY THE CHARLES COMPANY AT THE EAST LOS  
4 ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY. AND I WAS SADDENED TO SEE THAT MR.  
5 DAVID VELA, REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF GLORIA MOLINA, WAS  
6 THERE AND SPOKE THERE IN FAVOR OF THE CHARLES COMPANY AND SAID  
7 DRUG STORE. I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN TWO FUNDRAISERS FOR THE  
8 CITYHOOD EFFORT FOR EAST L.A., AND I HAVE YET TO SEE ANY  
9 SUPPORT FROM YOUR OFFICE. AS I WAS CANVASSING FOR SUPPORT TO  
10 SAVE THE GOLDEN GATE THEATRE, I CAME ACROSS SOME ACQUAINTANCES  
11 AND SOME PEOPLE I HAD NEVER MET AND THE RESPONSE WAS SIMILAR.  
12 MY ACQUAINTANCES SAID, AND I QUOTE, "BRO, I SUPPORT THE CAUSE  
13 TO SAVE THE THEATER, BUT I CAN'T SHOW MY FACE THERE, I CAN'T  
14 SHOW MY FACE AT THAT MEETING, I DON'T WANT TO GET ON GLORIA'S  
15 BAD SIDE."

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** (LAUGHTER).

18

19 **SAMUEL BARRAZA:** END QUOTE. AND ONE OF THE PERSONS THAT I HAD  
20 JUST MET, WHICH WAS A PRINCIPAL OF A CHARTER SCHOOL, SAID,  
21 "I'M WAITING ON MY FUTURE SCHOOL TO BE BUILT AND I'M TOO NEW  
22 TO THE COMMUNITY, I CAN'T AFFORD TO GO AGAINST MRS. MOLINA,"  
23 END QUOTE. THE LORD SAYS WITHOUT VISION, THE PEOPLE SHALL  
24 PERISH. THIS CHARLES COMPANY PROJECT, TO PUT A  
25 DRUGSTORE/LIQUOR STORE NOT ONLY LACKS VISION, IT IS



1 SHORTSIGHTED. LET'S RENOVATE THE THEATRE AND CONSTRUCT A  
2 SCHOOL OF FILM AND PERFORMING ARTS AS WAS PROPOSED IN THE  
3 PAST. THIS IS NOT JUST A BUILDING, IT IS A THEATRE, NOT JUST A  
4 THEATRE, BUT A MONUMENT, THE LAST ONE IN EAST L.A. MAKE NO  
5 MISTAKE ABOUT IT, THIS IS NOT JUST A GEOGRAPHICAL, POLITICAL  
6 OR DEVELOPMENT BATTLE, IT IS A SPIRITUAL BATTLE AND THE SPIRIT  
7 OF EAST L.A. IS AT STAKE. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING AND THANK  
8 YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. BARRAZA. LET ME JUST SHARE  
11 WITH YOU THAT YOUR WEAK-KNEED COLLEAGUES THAT ARE FRIGHTENED  
12 OF ME SHOULD STAND UP A LITTLE BIT MORE FOR THE ISSUES.  
13 THEY'LL FIND THERE'S NOT A PROBLEM WITH IT, ALL RIGHT? SO YOU  
14 JUST TAKE A MESSAGE TO THEM.

15

16 **SAMUEL BARRAZA:** I WILL.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. FATHER MORETTA. COULD I ALSO  
19 ASK CARMEN VALENCIA TO COME UP? WE HAD CALLED YOU WHILE YOU  
20 WERE GONE CARMEN. COME ON UP. FATHER?

21

22 **JOHN MORETTA:** OKAY. GOOD MORNING, GLORIA AND MEMBERS OF THE  
23 BOARD. I'M HERE OBVIOUSLY OPPOSED TO THIS. AND I THINK THIS IS  
24 THE FIRST TIME EVER I COME BEFORE ONE OF YOUR MEETINGS,  
25 GLORIA, IN ALL THE OVER 25 YEARS THAT I'VE KNOWN YOU TO BE ON



1 THE OPPOSITE SIDE, BUT LIKE JIMMY HOFFA SAID, YOU. GOTTA DO  
2 WHAT YOU GOTTA DO, AND I'M NOT ONE OF THOSE GUYS THAT ARE  
3 AFRAID TO COME HERE. BUT GLORIA, SERIOUSLY, I DON'T SEE HOW  
4 YOU CAN EQUATE TAKING A LIQUOR LICENSE FROM A LITTLE BAR, I  
5 THINK IT'S CALLED EL RANCHO, A BAR'S LIQUOR LICENSE, AND PUT  
6 IT OVER HERE, TRANSFER THE SAME THING AND SAY IT'S EQUAL TO  
7 THIS LIQUOR STORE THEY WANT TO PUT THERE. IT'S JUST NOT -- THE  
8 VOLUME DOESN'T -- WHEN YOU TAKE A DRINK, THAT'S NOT THE SAME  
9 AMOUNT UNLESS YOU'RE DRINKING THERE ALL DAY AND ALL NIGHT AND  
10 YOU HAVE EVERYBODY DRINKING. IT'S NOWHERE NEAR THE SAME  
11 EQUALITY. SO WE'RE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. THE PASTOR OF  
12 ST. ALPHONSUS, WHICH IT S LARGEST PARRISH IS ABOUT 4,000  
13 FAMILIES, WROTE A LETTER TO THE COMMITTEE, THE PLANNING  
14 COMMITTEE, AND SUBMITTED IT IN EVIDENCE ON RECORD OF BEING  
15 OPPOSED TO IT BECAUSE OF THE SALE OF LIQUOR THERE. AND I DON'T  
16 KNOW HOW THE BOARD -- EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS IN ALL OF YOUR  
17 DISTRICTS, I'M SURE YOU HAVE A LITTLE SECTION THERE WHERE  
18 YOU'VE GET A CONCENTRATION OF LIQUOR STORES, AND IT'S ALL  
19 OVER. WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER LIQUOR STORE. YOU CAN CALL IT WHAT  
20 YOU WANT, BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT THE CHARLES COMPANY CANNOT SELL  
21 C.V.S. THEIR CONTRACT WITHOUT THE SALE OF LIQUOR. IT'S THAT  
22 IMPORTANT, AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THERE'S 1,400 PEOPLE THAT  
23 GO TO A CLINIC FOR ALCOHOLISM RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET. IT'S  
24 IMPORTANT THAT WITHIN A HUNDRED FEET THERE'S THAT SCHOOL  
25 THERE, A CHARTER SCHOOL THAT HAS ALL THOSE CHILDREN THERE. ALL



1 THOSE THINGS HAVE TO GET EXEMPTIONS. WELL, THE SALE OF LIQUOR  
2 NEXT TO A SCHOOL HAS TO HAVE AN EXEMPTION. SO I'M JUST HERE TO  
3 TOUCH YOU A LITTLE BIT HERE, TO REMIND YOU THAT OVER 15 YEARS  
4 AGO, A CALL WENT OUT FROM YOU TO SAVE THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER.  
5 AND THE MOTHERS WENT DOWN THERE AND THEY STOPPED THE  
6 DEMOLITION AND IT WAS IN NEWSPAPERS ALL OVER THE PLACE. WELL  
7 THE MOTHERS ARE HERE AGAIN, THEY'RE SAYING PLEASE RESPECT IT.  
8 LOOK AT THE ALTERNATIVES. WE KNOW THERE ARE SOME LEGAL  
9 QUESTIONS THAT WE HAVE, THE PRESENTATION SO FAR, TRYING TO  
10 PRESENT LEGAL ARGUMENTS, BUT WE WILL DO IT IN A BETTER WAY,  
11 LEGALLY, BECAUSE IT'S JUST NOT FAIR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
12 YOUR TIME.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, FATHER. NEXT WE HAVE MISS  
15 NUNEZ.

16

17 **SYLVIA NUNEZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SYLVIA NUNEZ, I'M A  
18 MOTHER LIVING IN EAST L.A. I JUST WANT TO MAKE IT NOTED THAT I  
19 AM OPPOSED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE C.V.S. STORE THERE. THEY  
20 DO SELL -- C.V.S. HAS A LARGE -- MUCH LARGER VOLUME THAN THAT  
21 LITTLE BAR THAT THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE THE LICENSE FROM. THE  
22 VOLUME IS JUST IMMENSE, AND THE COMMUNITY THERE, I BELIEVE THE  
23 TRACT HAS ABOUT 15 ESTABLISHMENTS THAT SELL LIQUOR. THE PLACE  
24 IS RIDDLED, RIDDLED WITH ESTABLISHMENTS THAT SELL LIQUOR. WE  
25 DO NOT NEED ANOTHER LIQUOR STORE IN THE COMMUNITY. AND AS



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1 FATHER JOHN SAID IN FRONT OF AN ALCOHOLIC -- PEOPLE TRYING TO  
2 ALLEVIATE THEMSELVES FROM HAVING THIS ALCOHOLIC DISEASE, SO I  
3 JUST WANT TO MAKE IT NOTED THAT I AM OPPOSED TO THAT AND THAT  
4 I AM IN FAVOR OF HAVING A CULTURAL CENTER. I WOULD LOVE IT IF  
5 WE COULD BE HERE 20 YEARS, 30 YEARS FROM NOW LIKE THE -- LONG  
6 BEACH THEATRE CULTURE ARTS CENTER THAT WAS HERE BEING GIVEN  
7 THAT AWARD, THAT PLAQUE. IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE COULD BE HERE  
8 SO MANY YEARS FROM NOW RECEIVING THE SAME THING FOR THE GOLDEN  
9 GATE CULTURAL CENTER. WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT IN THE  
10 COMMUNITY. I WOULD LOVE IT IF MY CHILDREN COULD HAVE SOMETHING  
11 LIKE THAT. SO I JUST WANT MY THOUGHTS NOTED. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS NUNEZ. MISS VIDALES.

14

15 **DEDE VIDALES:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DEDE VIDALES. I REPRESENT THE  
16 GARFIELD ALUMNI FOUNDATION. WE ARE OPPOSED TO C.V.S. SELLING  
17 LIQUOR IN THE AREA OF EAST LOS ANGELES AREA, AND WANT TO SEE  
18 THE GOLDEN GATE TO BE PRESERVED TO THE FULLEST. PLEASE  
19 PRESERVE OUR HISTORY. I ASK THIS NOT ONLY BECAUSE I AM ALUMNI  
20 OF GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, I KNOW YOU WERE THERE JUST A COUPLE  
21 OF WEEKS AGO, BUT BECAUSE WE HAVE THE SCHOOL RIGHT THERE. AND  
22 I KNOW THERE'S AN ELEMENTARY NOT TOO FAR FROM THERE ALSO. AND  
23 I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO SAY. AND I WOULD NOT LIKE TO  
24 SEE MY CHILDREN OR ANYBODY ELSE'S CHILDREN BEING ABLE TO GO  
25 THERE. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER JUST LIKE



1 THE LADY JUST SPOKE HERE BEING ABLE TO HAVE THAT SAME DREAM.

2 AND THAT'S ALL I CAN SAY. SHE'S SAID IT ALL FOR ME.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS VIDALES. NEXT WE HAVE  
5 ALEJANDRO MERAS AND DANNY GARCIA. IF THEY WOULD JOIN US. NO,  
6 NO, NO. YOU'RE NEXT, CARMEN. MISS VALENCIA.

7

8 **CARMEN VALENCIA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. ACTUALLY, I  
9 THINK I'M HERE IN PLACE OF SOMEONE WHO WOULD HAVE TURNED OVER  
10 IN HIS GRAVE, YOU KNOW HIM, IF THERE WAS TO BE ANOTHER LIQUOR  
11 STORE IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND THAT WOULD BE MY HUSBAND, WHO  
12 FOUGHT TOOTH AND NAIL, EVEN WHERE THE LICENSES WERE SOLD, HE'D  
13 FIGHT AGAINST ANY TYPE OF LIQUOR STORE OR AN ESTABLISHMENT  
14 THAT WOULD ALLOW, ESPECIALLY US, MEXICANOS, OUR DRINKING  
15 HABITS ARE NOT THE BEST. WE DON'T BEHAVE WHEN WE DRINK. I'M  
16 SPEAKING FOR MYSELF. [ LAUGHTER ]

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE DON'T WANT YOU TO DRINK, CARMEN.

19

20 **CARMEN VALENCIA:** I'M PROBABLY SAYING THE WRONG THING. BUT  
21 ANYWAY, I'M JUST HERE TO, YOU KNOW -- THERE'S PEOPLE OVER  
22 THERE AND THERE'S PEOPLE ON THIS SIDE, WE'RE ALL COMMUNITY, WE  
23 ALL WANT THE SAME THING, WE WANT BETTERMENT FOR OUR COMMUNITY,  
24 WE WANT A BEAUTIFUL PLACE THAT WE GREW UP WITH. WELL, THAT I  
25 GREW UP WITH WHEN I WAS BORN. BUT WE'D LIKE TO HAVE THAT BACK.





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1 HAVING A LIQUOR STORE WITHIN ITS PREMISES WOULD NOT HELP ANY.  
2 SO PLEASE RECONSIDER AND HELP US. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS VALENCIA. NEXT WE HAVE MR.  
5 MARAS.

6

7 **ALEJANDRO MARAS:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME  
8 IS ALEJANDRO MARAS AND I LIVE IN THE EAST L.A. AREA. I  
9 REMEMBER AS A YOUNG YOUTH, I USED TO GO TO THAT THEATER. MY  
10 BROTHER'S GIRLFRIEND USED TO BE IN THE TICKET OFFICE. SO WE  
11 WOULD SEE MANY MOVIES, MANY TIMES. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL THEATER.  
12 IT'S A BEAUTIFUL THEATER AND I DEFINITELY OPPOSE IT. I WOULD  
13 SURE LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING ELSE GO IN THERE BESIDES A PLACE  
14 THAT WOULD SELL LIQUOR. THERE'S MANY PLACES AROUND THAT AREA  
15 THAT SELL LIQUOR AND IT'S NOT RIGHT THAT WE HAVE ANOTHER ONE.  
16 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. GARCIA.

19

20 **DANNY GARCIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DANNY GARCIA, AND I'M  
21 ALSO -- I LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I'M  
22 OPPOSED TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION WHICH WOULD ALSO  
23 PROMOTE DRUG USE, THE VIOLENCE, THE URINATION. I WOULD LIKE TO  
24 SEE THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER REDONE. THERE'S A LOT OF HISTORY  
25 IN EAST LOS ANGELES THAT I'M PROUD OF. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE



1 THAT IT WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF AND RESTORED BACK TO ITS  
2 ORIGINAL LUSTER. AND ALSO I HAVE GOOD MEMORIES AND I'M PROUD  
3 TO BE PART OF EAST LOS ANGELES AND I WOULD LIKE TO JUST HAVE  
4 THAT BE SOMETHING THAT A FUTURE GENERATION CAN ALSO ENJOY, SO  
5 I HOPE THE RIGHT DECISION IS MADE.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. GARCIA. ALL RIGHT. NEXT WE  
8 HAVE PETER GUTIERREZ, BENITO ALAVES, JESSE TORRES, AND AL  
9 RIVERA. PLEASE JOIN US. AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO REMIND YOU, YOU  
10 DON'T NEED TO USE UP ALL YOUR THREE MINUTES, YOU DON'T HAVE TO  
11 USE THEM ALL. ARE THEY HERE? IS MR. ALAVES HERE? PLEASE JOIN  
12 US. MR. TORRES? OKAY. HOW ABOUT MR. RIVERA? ALL RIGHT. COME  
13 JOIN US. MR. GUTIERREZ.

14

15 **PETER GUTIERREZ:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
16 BOARD. PETER GUTIERREZ FROM LATHAM AND WATKINS ON BEHALF OF  
17 CHARLES COMPANY. WE SUBMITTED A DETAILED RESPONSE TO THE  
18 APPEAL THAT'S BEFORE YOU ELECTRONICALLY THIS PAST FRIDAY. AND  
19 FOR THE RECORD, I WANTED TO PROVIDE HARD COPIES THIS MORNING  
20 FOR THE CLERK. CHARLES COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES ARE AVAILABLE  
21 IF YOUR BOARD HAS ANY QUESTIONS. BUT I WANTED TO ACTUALLY TURN  
22 THE TIME OVER TO THE FOLKS THAT ARE GOING TO SPEAK, AND IF  
23 YOUR BOARD HAS ANY QUESTIONS, CHARLES COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES  
24 HERE.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL GET THOSE TO THE MEMBERS,  
2    AND IF WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, WE'LL ASK THEM. ALL RIGHT. MR.  
3    ALAVEZ, IS THAT CORRECT?

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5    **MR. BENITO ALAVEZ:** SI. [ SPEAKING SPANISH ]

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7    **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA. AND THE  
8    REPRESENTATIVES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS IS MY OPINION  
9    ABOUT THE C.V.S. PHARMACY. IT WOULD BE A PRIDE FOR EAST LOS  
10    ANGELES AND FOR THE COMMUNITY. I HAVE FOUR SONS AND IT'S CLOSE  
11    FOR ME TO GO TO A PHARMACY AND FOR ALL THE SURROUNDINGS SO  
12    THEY CAN BE BETTER OFF. IF THEY PUT IN A THEATRE, THEY WILL  
13    BRING VIOLENCE TO THE SURROUNDINGS. THE ACTUAL REALITY IS THE  
14    KIDS WILL NOT GO TO THE THEATRE, THEY WILL JUST GO OUT AND  
15    CAUSE PROBLEMS. SO THAT EVERYTHING TURNS OUT OKAY FOR OUR  
16    COMMUNITY, I AGREE TO THE NEW BUILDING OF THE PHARMACY. THAT'S  
17    MY OPINION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND HAVE A GOOD DAY.

18

19    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** RICHARD TORRES.

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21    **JESSE TORRES:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY  
22    NAME IS JESSE TORRES AND I AM PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
23    OFFICER OF PAN- AMERICAN BANK. WE ARE 45-YEAR-OLD LATINO-OWNED  
24    COMMUNITY BANK AND THE ONLY BANK HEADQUARTERED IN EAST LOS  
25    ANGELES. WE ARE CALIFORNIA'S OLDEST LATINO-OWNED BANK AND THE



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1 SECOND OLDEST LATINO-OWNED BANK IN THE UNITED STATES. THE  
2 MISSION OF PAN AMERICAN BANK IS TO EMPOWER AND TRANSFORM THE  
3 COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE. AS AN EAST LOS ANGELES NATIVE WHO  
4 GREW UP IN THE SHADOWS OF GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, I HAVE MANY  
5 FOND MEMORIES OF THE OLD GOLDEN GATE THEATER. THE GOLDEN GATE  
6 THEATER WAS A LOCAL ANCHOR. HOWEVER, IN THE YEARS SINCE ITS  
7 DEMISE, THE INTERSECTION OF WHITTIER AND ATLANTIC BOULEVARDS  
8 HAS A REMINDER OF THE LACK OF SUBSTANTIVE INVESTMENT AND  
9 DEVELOPMENT IN EAST LOS ANGELES. THE ADDITION OF A NATIONAL  
10 PHARMACY CHAIN WILL PROVIDE TREMENDOUS BENEFIT TO THE  
11 COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING A LARGE SELECTION OF NEEDED PRODUCTS  
12 AND SERVICES THAT ONLY A PHARMACY CHAIN CAN PROVIDE. THE  
13 ADDITION OF A SOLID CORPORATE CITIZEN TO EAST LOS ANGELES WILL  
14 ALSO BRING JOBS, TAX REVENUES, AND NEEDED CAPITAL TO THE  
15 COMMUNITY. FOR MANY YEARS, THIS INTERSECTION HAS BROUGHT  
16 NOTHING BUT DISAPPOINTMENT AND HAS REINFORCED THE FALSE NOTION  
17 THAT EAST LOS ANGELES IS NOT WORTHY OF DEVELOPMENT AND  
18 INVESTMENT. THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOW HAS THE  
19 OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE YEARS OF NEGLECT AND PROVIDED NEEDED  
20 PRODUCTS, SERVICES, JOBS AND INVESTMENT AND TO SET THE EXAMPLE  
21 THAT UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES IS WORTHY OF INVESTMENTS  
22 THAT ARE SEEN IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY. THIS ACTION WILL  
23 INCREASE THE VOLUME OF NONALCOHOLIC COMMERCE IN AN AREA THAT  
24 DESPERATELY NEEDS THIS ACTIVITY. THIS IS A TREMENDOUS  
25 OPPORTUNITY TO BRING JOBS, REVENUES, AND AN IMPROVED STANDARD



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1 OF LIVING TO THE RESIDENTS OF EAST LOS ANGELES. THAT IS MY  
2 PREPARED STATEMENT. NOW I'D LIKE TO JUST VERY QUICKLY ALSO  
3 PROVIDE AN OBSERVATION, AND WHAT I SEE AS A LOGICAL FLAW. THE  
4 BRINGING OF C.V.S. TO EAST LOS ANGELES IS NOT GOING TO SPAWN  
5 MORE ALCOHOL DRINKERS. IF ANYTHING, WHAT IT WILL DO IS TO  
6 SERVE TO TAKE BUSINESS AWAY FROM THOSE LIQUOR STORES, LIQUOR-  
7 ONLY STORES THAT ARE PREDATORY IN THE COMMUNITY. THOSE  
8 ESTABLISHMENTS THAT ARE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS THAT RELY UPON  
9 THE SALES OF ALCOHOL TO CHILDREN AND THOSE THAT ARE NOT OF  
10 AGE. AS A RESULT, C.V.S. DOES NOT EQUAL MORE LIQUOR SALES.  
11 C.V.S., IF ANYTHING, WILL RESULT IN FEWER LIQUOR STORES DUE TO  
12 THE SALES TAKEN AWAY BY C.V.S. TO THE EXTENT THAT LIQUOR WAS A  
13 PRIMARY COMMODITY OF THOSE LOCAL LIQUOR STORES, SO, AGAIN, A  
14 FLAW THAT I SEE IN MANY OF THE OPPOSITION IS THAT THIS WILL  
15 NECESSARILY RESULT IN MORE LIQUOR SALES. WHAT I SEE IS  
16 CONTRADICTORY, IN FACT, A COMPLIANT CORPORATE CITIZEN WILL NOT  
17 ONLY SERVE TO PROVIDE LESS ALCOHOL, PARTICULARLY TO THOSE THAT  
18 ARE NOT OF AGE, BUT WILL SERVE TO ELIMINATE THOSE INSTITUTIONS  
19 WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY THAT PREY ON OUR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND OUR  
20 YOUTH. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. TORRES. NEXT, WE HAVE LOUIS  
23 HERRERA, RON MUKAI AND SYLVIA HUASTA. MR. RIVERA, PLEASE.

24



1   **AL RIVERA:** GOOD MORNING TO ALL SUPERVISORS HERE. I'M A LONG-  
2   TIME RESIDENT OF EAST L.A., WENT TO SCHOOLS IN THE AREA.  
3   ACTUALLY, WENT TO THE GOLDEN GATE AS A KID. AND I'M HERE TO  
4   SPEAK ON BEHALF OF -- OR IN FAVOR OF THE DEVELOPMENT. AND I'M  
5   ESPECIALLY HAPPY WITH THE CHARLES COMPANY AND C.V.S. FOR  
6   MAKING THE COMMITMENT AND THE INVESTMENT INTO EAST L.A. MY  
7   RESIDENTS -- MY NEIGHBORS AND I ARE HOPING THAT THIS  
8   INVESTMENT PROMPTS OR SPARKS OTHER INTEREST BY OTHER INVESTORS  
9   AND CORPORATIONS TO INVEST IN EAST L.A. WE HAVE TO REMEMBER  
10  THAT EAST L.A., BECAUSE OF THE GOLD LINE, IS LINKED TO  
11  PASADENA, TO DOWNTOWN, TO A NUMBER OF OTHER COMMUNITIES. WE  
12  HAVE TO HAVE THOSE STORES AND RETAILERS THAT OTHER PEOPLE CAN  
13  COME INTO OUR COMMUNITY AND VISIT. C.V.S. WILL BE LOOKED AT BY  
14  OTHER CORPORATIONS, AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OTHER  
15  CORPORATIONS AND INVESTORS LOOK AT EAST L.A. AS A BUSINESS  
16  FRIENDLY COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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18  **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. HERRERA.

19

20  **LOUIS HERRERA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR HAVING  
21  ME HERE. MY NAME IS LOUIS HERRERA. I'M A BUSINESSMAN IN EAST  
22  LOS ANGELES. I HAVE BEEN IN BUSINESS SINCE 1968, ONLY ONE  
23  BLOCK AWAY FROM THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER. I HAVE GONE TO THE  
24  MOVIES AT GOLDEN GATE THEATER FOR MANY, MANY TIMES, I HAVE  
25  DONE BUSINESS IN THE VEGA BUILDING, IN THE BOWLING ALLEYS, AND



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1 I USED TO ENJOY IT. I HAVE BEEN WORKING THERE SINCE 1969.  
2 BASICALLY I'M A WORKAHOLIC, SO I USUALLY GET THERE AT 6:30 AND  
3 DON'T LEAVE UNTIL 9:00, SO BASICALLY I LIVE IN EAST LOS  
4 ANGELES. I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN MANY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN  
5 EAST LOS ANGELES, I'M A VOLUNTEER. AND SOME OF THE EDUCATIONAL  
6 PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE IN THE SCHOOLS NEARBY FROM K-1 THROUGH  
7 K-5, WE'VE PARTNERED WITH CONGRESSWOMAN GRACE NAPOLITANO,  
8 SHERIFF LEE BACA, SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA AND 35 CREDENTIALLED  
9 TEACHERS FROM CAL STATE L.A. TO HELP EAST LOS ANGELES  
10 CONTINUALLY, WHICH MOSTLY FINANCED AND TEMPORARILY I'M SHORT  
11 OF MONEY, SO WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE THESE PROGRAMS LATER. I  
12 ALSO HAD AN AUTOMOBILE DEALER SINCE 1968. AND WE HAVE GIVEN  
13 TOYS AND BOOKS FOR 38 YEARS TO USUALLY ABOUT 1,500 TO 2,000  
14 KIDS EVERY YEAR. AGAIN, WE HAVE A LOT OF, SUPERVISOR MOLINA,  
15 SHERIFF LEE BACA, SENATOR ROMERO AND CONGRESSWOMAN NAPOLITANO  
16 ALWAYS SUPPORTING THESE AREAS. I HAVE ALSO SEEN, FRANK  
17 VILLALOBOS DRAWINGS. IT'S AN EXCELLENT DRAWING. HOWEVER, IT'S  
18 LIKE A DREAM. FOR A DREAM TO COME TRUE THAT YOU MUST FIRST  
19 TAKE THAT FIRST STEP AND A LOT OF MONEY TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. I  
20 DON'T SEE THAT FIRST STEP OR THAT MONEY COMING IN FROM A LOT  
21 OF THESE GREAT SUGGESTIONS TO RESTORE THIS THEATER. I'VE SEEN  
22 THIS THEATER FOR 18 YEARS, JUST LOOKING WORSE EVERY YEAR. I  
23 HAVE SEEN MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TRYING TO MAKE THINGS  
24 HAPPEN ON THAT THEATER. AND AGAIN, NO FIRST STEP, NO MONEY CAN  
25 HAPPEN WITHOUT PEOPLE, SOME ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING YOU. I





1 HATE TO SEE THIS GREAT LOCATION GO TO WASTE WHEN IT COULD BE  
2 AN ANCHOR TO BRING OTHER LARGE BUSINESSES HERE TO OUR EAST LOS  
3 ANGELES AREA. BIG BUSINESSES WOULD BRING BIG TAX DOLLARS AND  
4 MANY, MANY MORE JOBS THAT WE NEED. THE BUSINESSES IN EAST LOS  
5 ANGELES ARE HURTING. AND WE NEED ORGANIZATIONS LIKE C.V.S. TO  
6 HELP BRING UP AND ANCHOR THIS LOCATION. WE NEED LIKE HOPEFULLY  
7 LIKE ALHAMBRA, MONTEBELLO, MONTEREY PARK ARE BUILDING AREAS.  
8 AND HERE WE HAVE TO GO TO THOSE GROCERY STORES WAY OUT THERE  
9 TO DO OUR SHOPPING AND GOING TO THOSE RESTAURANTS, WHEN WE  
10 COULD HAVE IT RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN EAST L.A.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. HERRERA. YOUR  
13 TIME IS UP. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, SIR. MR. MUKAI.

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15 **RON MUKAI:** THANK YOU, GLORIA AND THANK YOU TO THE BOARD. MY  
16 NAME IS RON MUKAI. I COME HERE REPRESENTING MYSELF. I'M A  
17 DEVELOPER AND A LANDOWNER IN THE AREA. MY FAMILY'S BEEN IN  
18 EAST L.A. FOR THREE GENERATIONS. I ALSO COME REPRESENTING THE  
19 MONTE VILLA BUSINESSPERSONS ASSOCIATION. WE'RE ONE OF THE  
20 OLDEST BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS IN EAST L.A., AND I'M ON THE  
21 BOARD THERE. BEFORE I GET INTO WHAT I WANTED TO SAY, I HAVE  
22 TREMENDOUS RESPECT FOR EDDIE TORRES AND FRANK AND THE MOTHERS  
23 OF EAST L.A. WHAT I LOVE ABOUT EAST L.A. IS EVERYBODY HAS AN  
24 OPINION AND THEY'RE PASSIONATE ABOUT IT AND THEY PUT ACTION TO  
25 THAT AND THEY COME OUT AND SPEAK. AND I ENCOURAGE ANYBODY,



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1   WHATEVER SIDE OF THE FENCE YOU'RE ON, IT'S GOING TO MAKE EAST  
2   L.A. A BETTER PLACE. I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT FOR A  
3   COUPLE OF REASONS. I'M NOT IN SUPPORT OF LIQUOR. I DON'T DRINK  
4   MYSELF AND I DO SEE LIQUOR AS A PROBLEM IN THE COMMUNITY AND I  
5   HOPE THAT C.V.S. AND THE CHARLES COMPANY IS GOING TO BE VERY  
6   RESPONSIBLE IN HOW THEY DO BUSINESS AND THAT THEY BECOME AN  
7   ACTIVE PARTNER IN THE COMMUNITY. I DID SPEAK WITH RON FROM THE  
8   CHARLES COMPANY AND WHAT I LIKED ABOUT THEM, ONE OF THE THINGS  
9   IS THAT THEY BUY AND KEEP. SO THEY'RE NOT JUST GOING TO BUILD  
10  THIS PROJECT AND FLIP IT TO SOMEBODY ELSE WHO HAS NO INTEREST  
11  IN IT, THEY'RE GOING TO BUY AND KEEP IT. WE CAN GO DOWN THERE  
12  AND LOOK THEM IN THE EYE IF THEY'RE DOING SOMETHING WRONG AND  
13  HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE. AND I EXPECT THAT OUT OF ANYBODY THAT  
14  BUILDS IN EAST L.A. I WON'T REITERATE WHAT EVERYONE ELSE IS  
15  SAYING. I BELIEVE EAST L.A. NEEDS STRONG RETAILERS. WE CAN'T  
16  FORGET WHERE WE CAME FROM AND WE CAN'T FORGET OUR ROOTS, BUT  
17  STRONG NATIONAL AND REGIONAL RETAILERS PLAY A ROLE IN THAT,  
18  JUST LIKE THE MOM AND POPS, AND JUST LIKE THE THINGS, LIKE EL  
19  MERCADO, AND THINGS THAT MAKE EAST L.A. EAST L.A. I DON'T WANT  
20  TO SEE IT GENTRIFIED TO LOOK LIKE MISSION VIEJO, BUT I THINK  
21  THAT WE NEED A STRONG MIX OF NATIONAL RETAILERS IN THE MIX.  
22  AGAIN, RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT, YOU KNOW, HOLDING PEOPLE  
23  ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS. THAT INCLUDES THE CHARLES  
24  COMPANY AND THAT INCLUDES C.V.S., BUT I REALLY FEEL STRONGLY,  
25  AND THIS IS JUST ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I BELIEVE THAT THE RETAIL



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1   QUARTERS OF EAST L.A. NEED TO BE MAINTAINED AS RETAIL. WE NEED  
2   BUSINESSES, STRONG BUSINESSES WHERE PEOPLE CAN SHOP AND EAT  
3   AND TAKE THEIR FAMILIES. THAT'S JUST AS IMPORTANT, ALTHOUGH I  
4   BELIEVE COMMUNITY CENTERS AND YOUTH CENTERS AND ART CENTERS  
5   ARE VERY IMPORTANT IN THE COMMUNITY, STRONG RETAILER CENTERS  
6   ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT IN THE COMMUNITY. AND WE ARE SORELY  
7   LACKING IN THAT AREA. I APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION.  
8   AND I STOOD BEFORE YOU FOLKS IN '02 TALKING ABOUT MY PROJECT.  
9   AND I FELT JUST AS PASSIONATELY ABOUT THE COMMUNITY THEN AS I  
10   DO NOW. I'M CONFIDENT THAT YOU'LL MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION AND  
11   THANKS AGAIN.

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13   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. MUKAI. ALL RIGHT, NEXT WE  
14   HAVE RAUL LUGO FOLLOWED BY ARNULFO DELGADO. MS. HUASTA.

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16   **SYLVIA HUASTA:** [ SPEAKING SPANISH ]

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18   **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
19   SYLVIA HUASTA. I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE GROUP OF PARK RUBEN  
20   SALAZAR. WE ARE HERE TO TELL YOU THAT WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF  
21   PROPOSITION ON THE AGENDA NO. 9, ITEM NO. 9. THE REASON WE  
22   SUPPORT IT, BECAUSE THIS PROPOSITION WILL CREATE JOBS FOR THE  
23   COMMUNITY. THIS IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24



1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WE HAVE FRANCES MANGAS AS  
2    WELL AS VERONICA SALAS. MR. LUGO.

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4    **RAUL LUGO:** YES, HI. I CAME HERE TODAY TO SPEAK ABOUT THE  
5    GOLDEN GATE THEATER. THE GOLDEN GATE THEATRE IS A LANDMARK OF  
6    THE COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES. THIS CORNER WAS A COMMUNITY  
7    STAPLE WHICH ATTRACTED MANY PEOPLE TO COME AND ENJOY THE  
8    MAJESTY OF THE VEGA BUILDING AND THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER.  
9    AFTER THE WHITTIER NARROWS EARTHQUAKE OF 1986, EVERYTHING  
10   ABOUT THIS CORNER CHANGED. THE TWO HISTORIC BUILDINGS WERE  
11   BADLY DAMAGED, AND IN 1994, THE VEGA BUILDING CAME DOWN. OF  
12   COURSE, I'D LIKE TO SEE THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER RETURN TO ITS  
13   FORMER GLORY AND MAJESTY, BUT I'VE GOT TO BE REALISTIC ABOUT  
14   PRESERVING THIS GREAT BUILDING FOR POSTERITY. THE VEGA  
15   BUILDING WAS A BELOVED HANGOUT PLACE FOR MANY PEOPLE THAT GREW  
16   UP IN EAST LOS ANGELES. BUT AS THE STRUCTURE OF THE BUILDINGS  
17   BECAME UNSAFE TO OCCUPY THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, PLANS TO RESTORE  
18   THE THEATRE HAVE ONLY BEEN FALSE START THUS FAR. HERE WE HAVE  
19   A DEVELOPER INTERESTED IN PRESERVING THE BUILDING TO LEASE IT  
20   OUT AS A COMMERCIAL SPACE. FOR MANY YEARS, THIS BUILDING HAS  
21   SAT VACANT AND DETRIMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY. THE THEATRE WAS  
22   RECENTLY FENCED UP TO PREVENT TRANSIENT PEOPLE FROM WALKING  
23   INTO THE BUILDING TO CONDUCT CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES. WITH A  
24   COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE SUCH AS C.V.S., THE CHARLES COMPANY IS  
25   ABLE TO MAKE THE STRUCTURAL REPAIRS TO PRESERVE THE BUILDING



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1 AND MEET STRICT STANDARDS TO PRESERVE THE CULTURAL CHARACTER  
2 AND HISTORIC NATURE OF THE THEATRE. THIS IS A COMMUNITY THAT  
3 NEEDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BADLY. THE RECESSION HAS HIT EAST  
4 LOS ANGELES BUSINESSES HARD AND A PROJECT LIKE THIS COULD BE A  
5 CATALYST TO INVITE POSITIVE INVESTMENT INTO THIS COMMUNITY.  
6 BIG RETAIL ANCHORS LIKE THE C.V.S. COULD HELP DRAW PATRONS TO  
7 THE AREA WHILE PROVIDING EYES ON THE STREET AND ALLOWING  
8 CUSTOMERS TO STAY IN THE WHITTIER DISTRICT PAST 5:00 P.M.,  
9 WHEN MOST BUSINESSES CLOSE THEIR DOORS DUE TO THE LACK OF  
10 LIGHTING AND FOOT TRAFFIC. THE PROJECT IS ALSO GOING TO  
11 GENERATE UPWARDS OF 35 JOBS THAT ARE MUCH NEEDED IN THE AREA.  
12 IN CONCLUSION, I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT PRESERVING THIS BUILDING  
13 FOR ADAPTIVE REUSE COULD BE A CATALYST FOR SIMILAR PROJECTS OF  
14 ADAPTIVE REUSE IN THE AREA AND PROMOTE THE ECONOMIC VITALITY  
15 OF A COMMUNITY THAT GREATLY NEEDS SPACES WHERE MEANINGFUL  
16 ACTIVITIES CAN TAKE THE PLACE OF THE BLIGHT, SEEING DYING  
17 BUILDINGS FROM ANOTHER ERA. IF WE WAIT, THE GOLDEN GATE WILL  
18 BE IN RUINS AND THE COMMUNITY WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE BLIGHT AT  
19 ONE OF ITS GOLDEN CORNERS. AT THIS MOMENT, THIS IS THE MOST  
20 REALISTIC AND FEASIBLE PLAN TO CHANGE THE COURSE OF EVENTS.  
21 AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO END BY SAYING THAT IF WE REJECT  
22 CHANGE, WE'RE GOING TO BE THE ARCHITECTS OF DECAY IN THIS  
23 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.  
24  
25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. DELGADO.



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2 **ARNULFO DELGADO:** YES. I HAVE A LIST RIGHT HERE OF THE  
3 COMMUNITY MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON MAY 19, 2010. AND ALSO I  
4 HAVE ONLY ONE COPY, UNFORTUNATELY, OF THE EAST LOS ANGELES  
5 STATION JUVENILE ARRESTS REPORT. ALL RIGHT. OKAY. SO GOOD  
6 MORNING. MY NAME IS ARNULFO DELGADO. I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN  
7 UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES. I'M AWARE THAT THERE IS A  
8 SATURATION OF ALCOHOL LICENSE IN THE AREA, BUT THE CHARLES  
9 COMPANY IS NOT APPLYING FOR A NEW LICENSE. RATHER, THEY'RE  
10 GOING TO PURCHASE AN EXISTING LICENSE, THUS IT'S A ZERO SUM.  
11 C.V.S. IS NOT GOING TO SELL TO MINORS BECAUSE IT'S A  
12 RESPECTABLE BUSINESS, UNLIKE A LIQUOR STORE. IT'S THE LIQUOR  
13 STORES IN THE AREA THAT RUIN THE IMAGE OF THE COMMUNITY AND  
14 WHO ARE THE BAD APPLES THAT WE NEED TO REFORM. AS AN ADDED  
15 MEASURE, THE FINAL E.I.R. STATES THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE AN  
16 ON-SITE SECURITY GUARD THAT WILL ENSURE THIS WON'T HAPPEN.  
17 ACCORDING TO THE WOODSTOCK INSTITUTE, IT STATE, IN LOWER  
18 INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS, ALCOHOL IS SOLD IN LIQUOR STORES THAT  
19 HAD BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH A VARIETY OF COMMUNITY PROBLEMS WHILE  
20 IN MANY MORE AFFLUENT AREAS, IT IS DISTRIBUTED THROUGH GROCERY  
21 STORES, MULTI-PURPOSE STORES, MALLS, ET CETERA. THESE TYPES OF  
22 STORES DO NOT PRESENT THE SAME TYPES OF PROBLEMS TO  
23 COMMUNITIES THAT THE LIQUOR STORES DO. I DID A RESEARCH AND  
24 PRETTY MUCH I FOUND THAT COMMUNITIES LIKE GLENDALE, BURBANK,  
25 POMONA THAT ARE COMPARABLE SIZE IN EAST L.A. HAVE MORE LIQUOR



1 LICENSES THAN EAST L.A. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
2 DEPARTMENT REPORTED THAT THERE WERE 757 CRIMES IN DISTRICT  
3 286, WHERE THE GOLDEN GATE IS LOCATED. BUT HOW MANY OF THESE  
4 CRIMES ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION? THE DATA I  
5 PROVIDED SHOWS THAT THERE WAS ZERO ARRESTS FOR JUVENILES. IN  
6 TERMS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WE NEED A C.V.S. SINCE IT WILL  
7 CREATE CONSTRUCTION JOBS, 25 RETAIL PHARMACY JOBS, PLUS SIX TO  
8 EIGHT JOBS IN THE RESTAURANT, SIX MILLION IN SALES TAX AND  
9 WILL BE THE FIRST NATIONAL PHARMACY TO LOCATE IN  
10 UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES. MORE THAN 75 PERCENT OF THE  
11 RESIDENTS WORK OUTSIDE EAST L.A. AND WE NEED MORE EMPLOYERS  
12 THAT WILL EMPLOY LOCAL RESIDENTS, IMPROVE THE BUSINESS  
13 DEVELOPMENT AND THE IMAGE OF THE AREA. IF DEVELOPMENT IS  
14 STOPPED, I WHOLEHEARTEDLY BELIEVE THAT IT WILL SEND OUT A  
15 NEGATIVE MESSAGE TO BUSINESSES AND WILL RUIN BUSINESS  
16 DEVELOPMENT. AS IT IS RIGHT NOW, EAST L.A. HAS DISINVESTED FOR  
17 YEARS. BLOCKING THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT HELP IT IN THE NEAR  
18 FUTURE. I AGREE 100 PERCENT WITH THE L.A. CONSERVANCY'S  
19 ARGUMENT THAT ALTHOUGH OUR TESTIMONY NOTED THAT THE PROPOSED  
20 CONSERVING INTO A DRUGSTORE USE IS NOT IDEAL, WE EMPHASIZE  
21 THAT IT'S PREFERABLE TO LEAVING THE THEATRE VACANT AND  
22 DETERIORATING FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. ALSO, LAST TIME I  
23 SPOKE AT THE MARCH 17 PLANNING COMMISSION, I MADE A  
24 RECOMMENDATION THAT THE CHARLES COMPANY HAVE A COMMUNITY  
25 MEETING AS CONDITION OF APPROVAL. ON MAY 19, 2010, THE CHARLES





1 COMPANY HAD A COMMUNITY MEETING AT THE EAST L.A. LIBRARY. I  
2 HANDED YOU THE LIST. THE CHARLES COMPANY PRETTY MUCH GAVE AN  
3 OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS FROM THE  
4 RESIDENTS. THIS SHOWS THEIR WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH THE  
5 COMMUNITY AND TALK ABOUT THESE ISSUES. IN SHORT, I BELIEVE THE  
6 CHARLES COMPANY SHOULD GET THEIR ENTITLEMENTS. THANK YOU.

7

8 **VERONICA SALAS:** [ SPEAKING SPANISH ]

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10 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS VERONICA SALAS AND I'M A  
11 BOARD MEMBER FOR THE BELVEDERE SOCCER LEAGUE, A NONPROFIT  
12 ORGANIZATION. WE HAVE BEEN IN THE EAST L.A. COMMUNITY SINCE  
13 1975 AND WE PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS THAT BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY.  
14 WE HAVE CLOSE TO 3,000 MEMBERS, SOCCER PLAYERS, AND THE  
15 MAJORITY OF THEM RESIDE IN EAST LOS ANGELES. WE AS AN  
16 ORGANIZATION SUPPORT THE PROJECT OF ADAPTIVE REUSE OF THE  
17 GOLDEN GATE THEATER, NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT WOULD GENERATE JOBS  
18 WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY, BUT BECAUSE IT WILL GIVE OUR MEMBERS OF  
19 THE COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES, THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE AND TO  
20 HAVE THE OPTION OF DIVERSE BUSINESSES IN THE CORNER OF  
21 WHITTIER AND ATLANTIC. AS THE VOICE OF CLOSE TO 3,000 ADULTS,  
22 MEMBERS OF THE EAST L.A. COMMUNITY, I WANT TO EXPRESS THE NEED  
23 FOR THE CHANGE TO THE GOLDEN GATE THEATER. WE HAVE THE CHANCE  
24 -- WE HAVE A CHANGE -- SORRY. WE NEED A CHANGE FOR OUR  
25 COMMUNITY. I CAN STAND HERE TODAY AND SAY THAT WE, BELVEDERE



1 SOCCER LEAGUE, SUPPORT THE ADAPTIVE REUSE PROJECT OF THE  
2 GOLDEN GATE THEATER, WHICH INCLUDES THE OPENING OF C.V.S.  
3 DRUGSTORES. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS SALAS. SENORA MANGAS.

6

7 **FRANCES MANGAS:** [SPEAKS SPANISH]

8

9 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M IN FAVOR OF THE C.V.S.  
10 PROJECT. BECAUSE I'M VERY MUCH INVOLVED WITH THE COMMUNITY.  
11 AND I SUPPORT MR. AGUILAR IN THE COMMUNITY PROJECTS. SO THAT  
12 WE CAN GET MORE MONEY FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE SCHOOLS SO  
13 THAT WE CAN SPONSOR AND -- ON THE PROJECT. ANYTHING THAT  
14 RELATES TO MY COMMUNITY, I GET INVOLVED. WHEN I HEARD ABOUT  
15 THIS PROJECT, I FELT LIKE I SHOULD COME HERE AND TALK. IT IS  
16 TRUE THAT THE C.V.S. IS COMING TO BUILD AND WE'RE JUST  
17 THINKING A LITTLE NEGATIVE. THEY WILL BE SELLING GROCERIES AND  
18 OTHER ITEMS. AND WE WILL DEVELOP OUR PICTURES THERE AS WELL.  
19 I'M TELLING THESE BASED ON MY EXPERIENCE THAT I GO TO CESAR  
20 CHAVEZ FOR THE PHARMACY. I'VE BEEN GOING TO THIS PARTICULAR  
21 PHARMACY FOR ABOUT 25 YEARS. AND I'VE NEVER SEEN PEOPLE REALLY  
22 COMING OUT WITH PACKS OF BEER. THESE PEOPLE THAT ARE AGAINST  
23 THIS PROJECT, THEY CAN SEE THAT THAT'S NOT THE CASE. BESIDES  
24 THAT, 90 PERCENT OF WHAT THEY'RE SAYING WILL BE PURCHASED AT  
25 THAT PHARMACY. I THINK IT WILL BE A GOOD STORE NEARBY. THE



1 OTHER STORES ARE PRETTY FAR FROM THE AREA, AND WE WILL HAVE A  
2 GOOD BUSINESS FOR THAT PLACE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MISS JARAMILLO.

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6 **PASCUALA JARAMILLO:** [ SPEAKING SPANISH ]

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8 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND EVERYBODY  
9 PRESENT. I'M IN FAVOR OF C.V.S. AND STARBUCKS. WE NEED A PLACE  
10 LIKE THAT IN OUR COMMUNITY. OUR YOUNG PEOPLE NEED A PLACE  
11 THAT'S HEALTHY FOR THEM. WE ALSO NEED THESE BENEFITS TO BE IN  
12 OUR COMMUNITY. THAT'S WHAT WE REQUIRED, SO THAT WE COULD  
13 CREATE MORE JOBS FOR THE COMMUNITY. WE ALSO HAVE A LOT OF  
14 PEOPLE HERE IN THE BOARD ROOM SUPPORTING THIS ISSUE FOR  
15 C.V.S., THE PROJECT THAT WE REALLY NEED THESE FUNDS IN OUR  
16 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. ALVAREZ.

19

20 **FRANK ALVAREZ:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
21 GLORIA MOLINA AND FELLOW BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
22 FRANK ALVAREZ. I'M A CASE MANAGER FOR A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION  
23 IN THE AREA CALLED LA CASA YOUTH BUILD. EVERY YEAR WE SERVICE  
24 150 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO COME TO OUR PROGRAM LOOKING FOR JOB  
25 DEVELOPMENT. THEY NEED VOCATIONAL TRAINING. THEY'RE OUT OF



1 SCHOOL, WE HELP THEM, GET THEM BACK IN SCHOOL AND WE PUT THEM  
2 ON DIFFERENT CAREER TRACKS. ONE OF OUR CAREER TRACKS IS IN THE  
3 GREEN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. AND RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE 55 YOUNG  
4 PEOPLE IN OUR PROGRAM FROM THAT AREA, THE UNINCORPORATED EAST  
5 L.A. AREA, AND ONE OF MY CHALLENGES HAS BEEN AS A CASE MANAGER  
6 IS IDENTIFYING CONSTRUCTION JOBS FOR THEM. WE ALL KNOW THE  
7 ECONOMY RIGHT NOW, WE KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE, IT'S DIFFICULT. I  
8 HAVE A CHALLENGING JOB TO FIND EMPLOYMENT FOR THESE YOUNG  
9 PEOPLE, THIS DEVELOPMENT, THE C.V.S. IN OUR COMMUNITY, WILL  
10 CREATE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM THAT CAN GIVE THEM A CAREER  
11 PATH IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WHERE THEY CAN MAKE A LIVING  
12 WAGE. AND BEYOND THAT, THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES IT'S GOING TO  
13 CREATE TO STAFF THE C.V.S. OUR YOUNG PEOPLE NEED THIS  
14 OPPORTUNITY IN OUR COMMUNITY. I WORK IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
15 EAST L.A. AREA BUT I LIVE IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. I FEEL  
16 THAT BOTH PLACES ARE MY HOME, BOTH PLACES ARE MY COMMUNITY,  
17 BECAUSE I SPEND MORE TIME IN THE UNINCORPORATED EAST L.A. AREA  
18 THAN I DO ACTUALLY WHERE I LIVE. BUT IN MY COMMUNITY, WE HAVE  
19 A C.V.S. AND PEOPLE PATRON IT THERE, THEY GO THERE AND THEY  
20 SHOP THERE BECAUSE IT'S AN AFFORDABLE PLACE TO MEET THEIR  
21 PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS. I HAVE A CHILD, I HAVE A FAMILY, I'M THE  
22 ONLY ONE THAT WORKS IN MY FAMILY, AND WHEN MY KID GETS SICK  
23 AND I GET SICK AND I HAVE TO PURCHASE MEDICINE, THAT'S WHERE I  
24 GO TO. AND I WANT THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY OF EAST  
25 L.A., THE YOUNG PEOPLE I SERVE AND THEIR FAMILIES, TO BENEFIT



1 THE SAME WAY I BENEFIT. AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. WE'RE IN  
2 FAVOR OF IT.

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4 **VANESSA VALLEJOS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MINE NAME IS VANESSA  
5 VALLEJOS. I'M IN FAVOR OF THE C.V.S. IN REGARDS TO FAMILY.  
6 WHEN IT COMES TO MY FAMILY, ALL MY FAMILY IS REALLY UNITED. I  
7 HAVE BOTH MY GRANDPARENTS SICK. EVERY TIME THEY GET SICK,  
8 EITHER MY MOM, ONE OF MY LITTLE COUSINS OR I HAVE TO GO GET  
9 THEIR MEDICINE. WHERE WE GO, WE GO C.V.S. IN MONTEBELLO. AND  
10 IT'S REALLY FAR FROM WHERE OUR GRANDPARENTS LIVE. THERE ARE  
11 TIMES THEY'RE JUST IN PAIN AND WE NEED TO GET THEIR  
12 MEDICATION. AND SOMETIMES IT'S A LITTLE LATE, DEPENDS ON THE  
13 TRAFFIC OR ON HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN THE PHARMACY. SO I THINK  
14 THAT WOULD HELP US ALL GET A PHARMACY CLOSE TO WHERE WE LIVE  
15 AND IT WOULD HELP OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE FUNDS, IT WOULD HELP  
16 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH JOBS, AND I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT  
17 WOULD REALLY HELP US, BECAUSE THE PLACE HAS BEEN CLOSED DOWN  
18 FOR -- I HONESTLY HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY YEARS, BUT IT'S JUST  
19 AN EMPTY PLACE WHERE WE COULD HAVE SOMETHING THAT COULD WORK  
20 FOR EVERYBODY. WE HAVE GROCERIES THERE IN THE C.V.S., WE HAVE  
21 MEDICATIONS, LIKE THE LADY SAID, WE HAVE MAKEUP, WE HAVE  
22 EVERYTHING THAT WE NEED THERE. IT'S NOT JUST FOR THE ADULTS,  
23 IT'S ALSO AS WELL AS FOR SCHOOLS. MY LITTLE SISTER AND I GO  
24 STRONG THERE WHENEVER SHE NEEDS SOMETHING FOR HER SCHOOL  
25 PROJECTS. MY LITTLE BROTHER ALSO DOES, TOO. SO I'M IN APPROVAL



1 OF THE C.V.S. ON ATLANTIC. IF YOU GUYS WOULD HELP US, THAT  
2 WOULD BE REALLY THANKFUL FOR YOU GUYS. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT COMPLETES ALL OF THE TESTIMONY TODAY.  
5 THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. THIS IS ITEM 9 AND IT IS BEFORE US,  
6 AND BEFORE I READ THE MOTION, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WHILE,  
7 AGAIN, THIS IS NOT JUST AN ISSUE OF A LIQUOR STORE, I THINK  
8 ALL OF US KNOW THAT C.V.S. IS NOT A BAD ACTOR IN THE  
9 COMMUNITY. I AGREE THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, THIS DETERIORATING  
10 BUILDING WAS CREATING QUITE AN EYESORE IN THE COMMUNITY. IT  
11 WAS A COMPROMISE THAT -- THAT WAS THE ONLY COMPROMISE WE COULD  
12 COME TO THAT WE HAVEN'T HAD MUCH DEVELOPERS WILLING TO TAKE ON  
13 THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A HISTORIC BUILDING. SO NOT THE BEST  
14 COMPROMISE, BUT IT IS THE ONLY ONE THAT WAS AVAILABLE TO US.  
15 SO VERY FRANKLY, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE OPPOSING IT, BUT  
16 THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE ALSO SUPPORTING  
17 IT. AT THE END OF THE DAY, HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE ABLE TO CONVINCE  
18 THOSE THAT ARE IN OPPOSITION THAT THIS IS A WORTHWHILE PROJECT  
19 THAT WILL ENHANCE THE COMMUNITY OVERALL AND WILL NEVER BE A  
20 BAD ACTOR IN THE COMMUNITY. AND HOPEFULLY I WILL BE A PART OF  
21 HOLDING THEM ACCOUNTABLE TO THOSE HIGH STANDARDS. SO WITH  
22 THAT, I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC  
23 HEARING, WE DENY THE APPEAL FILED BY THE MOTHERS OF EAST LOS  
24 ANGELES, AND THAT WE CERTIFY THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
25 REPORT THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE



1 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. SECONDLY, THAT THE BOARD  
2 HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE  
3 FULL E.I.R. AND ITS MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM, THE  
4 C.E.Q.A. FINDINGS OF FACT AND THE STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING  
5 CONSIDERATIONS. AND, THREE, THAT THE FULL E.I.R. REFLECTS THE  
6 INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT OF THE COUNTY AND THAT WE CERTIFY THE  
7 F.E.I.R. AND, IN ADDITION, INDICATE THE BOARD'S INTENT TO  
8 APPROVE PROJECT NUMBER R200503503 SUBSECTION ONE AND THE  
9 C.U.P. CASE NUMBER R.C.U.P. 200800136 SUBSECTION 1 AND, SIX,  
10 TO INSTRUCT THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE FINAL DOCUMENTS  
11 FOR APPROVAL, INCLUDING THE C.E.Q.A. FINDINGS OF FACT AND THE  
12 S.O.C. AND THE PROJECT FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS AND BRING THEM  
13 BACK FOR A FUTURE BOARD MEETING FOR FULL CONSIDERATION. I SO  
14 MOVE. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. IS THERE ANY OTHER  
15 QUESTION OR COMMENT? ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED. THANK  
16 YOU ALL FOR COMING. ALL RIGHT. WE NOW HAVE ITEM NO. 10. [  
17 APPLAUSE ]

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PLEASE.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 10, THIS IS THE HEARING ON  
22 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 12 ENVIRONMENTAL  
23 PROTECTION TITLE 21 SUBDIVISIONS AND TITLE 22 PLANNING AND  
24 ZONING TO REVISE AND IMPLEMENT NEW FEES CHARGED BY THE  
25 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING IN CONNECTION WITH THE REVIEW





1 AND PROCESSING OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. ON THIS ITEM, MADAM  
2 CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE WILL ALSO CALL UP AGENDA ITEM  
3 NO. 29, WHICH IS THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND ALSO THERE WAS  
4 CORRESPONDENCE THAT WAS RECEIVED REGARDING THIS MATTER.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. COULD WE ASK ALL THE PEOPLE  
7 THAT ARE LEAVING TO PLEASE LEAVE QUIETLY. PLEASE. WE HAVE  
8 OTHER HEARINGS GOING ON. ALL RIGHT. IS THERE A REPORT ON THIS  
9 ITEM?

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

12

13 **DENNIS SLAVEN:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, HONORABLE  
14 SUPERVISORS. ACTUALLY, IT'S AFTERNOON NOW, I APOLOGIZE. MY  
15 NAME IS DENNIS SLAVEN AND I'M REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
16 REGIONAL PLANNING. AT THE APRIL 27 MEETING LAST MONTH, YOUR  
17 BOARD DIRECTED THE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS  
18 REGARDING A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF CASE PROCESSING. IN THIS  
19 REVIEW, YOU ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC  
20 TIMEFRAMES FOR CASE PROCESSING, TO DETERMINE MEASURES TO  
21 STREAMLINE THE PROCESS OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA  
22 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, PARTICULARLY MEASURES THAT WILL  
23 EXPEDITE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS, DOCUMENT HOW REGIONAL  
24 PLANNING COMPLIES WITH THE PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT, AND TO  
25 EXPLORE MEANS OF EXPANDING THE SPECIAL PROJECTS SECTION TO



1 PROCESS MORE LARGE PROJECTS. YOUR BOARD ALSO DIRECTED THE  
2 DEPARTMENT TO REACH OUT TO BUILDING INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES,  
3 CONSULTANTS WHO PROCESS LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS, THE  
4 PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS TO SOLICIT FEEDBACK REGARDING  
5 PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS AND THE FEE INCREASES. IN OUR WRITTEN  
6 RESPONSE TO YOUR MOTION, WE HAVE MADE FOUR RECOMMENDATIONS.  
7 NUMBER ONE, THAT REGIONAL PLANNING FORM A COMMITTEE COMPOSED  
8 OF STAKEHOLDERS IN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT PROCESS TO EVALUATE  
9 AND REVIEW ALL ISSUES ADDRESSED IN YOUR APRIL MOTION AND THAT  
10 THIS COMMITTEE BE FACILITATED BY A THIRD PARTY TO ENSURE  
11 IMPARTIALITY. NUMBER TWO, THAT THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING SHALL  
12 WORK WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND THE C.E.O. TO REVIEW  
13 REGIONAL PLANNING'S EXISTING DEVELOPMENT FEE STRUCTURE AND  
14 COST ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES AND TO DEVELOP ENHANCEMENTS WHERE  
15 POSSIBLE. NUMBER THREE, THAT THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING REPORT  
16 BACK ON A QUARTERLY BASIS ON THE FINDINGS BY THE STAKEHOLDER  
17 COMMITTEE AND FEE STRUCTURE COST ACCOUNTING ANALYSIS. AND  
18 FINALLY, ASKING THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVE THE FEES AS ORIGINALLY  
19 PRESENTED DURING THE APRIL 27, 2010, PUBLIC HEARING, AND TO  
20 DIRECT REGIONAL PLANNING TO PRESENT A REVIEW OF THE FEES BASED  
21 ON THE STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN 14  
22 MONTHS. WE HAVE OUR DIRECTOR AND STAFF AVAILABLE TODAY TO  
23 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.  
24



1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT FROM MY  
2    COLLEAGUES? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THEN SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTION IS, WHEN DID YOU -- WHAT DID YOU  
5    FIND OUT IN THE COMPARISON OF THE COUNTY FEE STRUCTURE VERSUS  
6    THE OTHER LOCAL JURISDICTION FEES BEING IMPOSED?

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8    **DENNIS SLAVEN:** YES, SUPERVISOR, WE FOUND THAT OUR PROPOSED  
9    FEES ARE COMPARABLE. IT'S ALWAYS DIFFICULT WHEN DOING AN  
10   ANALYSIS WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS BECAUSE EACH JURISDICTION  
11   HANDLES DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DIFFERENTLY. HOWEVER, WE  
12   FOUND THAT IN SOME CASES, OUR PROPOSED FEES ARE LOWER, IN SOME  
13   CASES A LITTLE BIT HIGHER THAN THE JURISDICTIONS THAT WE'VE  
14   REVIEWED.

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16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF THE BOARD APPROVES THIS, DO YOU HAVE A  
17   COST OF LIVING INDEX INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSAL?

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19   **DENNIS SLAVEN:** YES, WE DO. WE DO HAVE AN ANNUAL C.P.I.  
20   INCLUDED.

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22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DO YOU HAVE A CEILING AS TO THAT FEE  
23   INCREASE?

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1 **DENNIS SLAVEN:** WITH RESPECT TO A CEILING, THE FEE WOULD ONLY  
2 INCREASE ANNUALLY BASED ON THE C.P.I. ONE OF OUR  
3 RECOMMENDATIONS IS WHEN WE REPORT BACK WITH OUR COMMITTEE'S  
4 FINDINGS THAT THE FEES THAT WE CHARGE, WHERE THOSE MONEYS GO,  
5 HOW THEY'RE UTILIZED, MAY ALSO CHANGE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU WOULDN'T HAVE A CEILING.

8

9 **DENNIS SLAVEN:** NOT AT THIS TIME, NO.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO. SO C.P.I., IF IT WAS 20 PERCENT, THEN IT  
12 WOULD BE 20 PERCENT INCREASE.

13

14 **DENNIS SLAVEN:** THAT IS CORRECT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** UNLIKE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OR PROPERTY TAXES  
17 WHICH HAVE A CEILING OF, WHAT, 2 PERCENT? UP TO 2 PERCENT?

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, MEASURE "B," TOO. MEASURE "B," TOO. THERE'S  
20 A CEILING FOR THE YEAR.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DID THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER EXAMINE THE  
23 PROPOSALS?

24



1 **DENNIS SLAVEN:** YES, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER EXAMINED AND  
2 APPROVED THE FEES, AS WELL AS COUNTY COUNSEL.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW DID YOU ADJUST FOR LARGE DEVELOPMENTS  
5 VERSUS A HOMEOWNER OR A SMALL BUSINESS FEE STRUCTURE?

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7 **DENNIS SLAVEN:** IN OUR PROPOSED FEES, WE'VE DIVIDED THE FEES  
8 INTO MULTIPLE CATEGORIES, SUCH THAT SMALL DEVELOPERS AND  
9 HOMEOWNERS WOULD NOT SEE A FEE INCREASE ON THE MAJORITY OF THE  
10 APPLICATIONS THAT THEY MIGHT FILE. SO THE MAJORITY OF OUR FEE  
11 INCREASE IS BASED ON THE FEES THAT WE WOULD CHARGE FOR LARGER  
12 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE THAT YOU'RE  
15 TALKING ABOUT, WHAT IS THE MEMBERSHIP, AND WHAT IS THEIR  
16 RESPONSIBILITIES, AND HOW LONG DO YOU ENVISION THEM TO DEVELOP  
17 THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD?

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19 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** AS DENNIS DESCRIBED EARLIER, WE WOULD REPORT  
20 BACK ON A QUARTERLY BASIS ON HOW PROGRESS IS BEING MADE. WE  
21 HOPE THAT THEY WOULD WRAP UP THEIR WORK IN NINE MONTHS. AND,  
22 AS DIRECTED, WE WOULD INCLUDE MEMBERS FROM THE B.I.A., THE  
23 URBAN LAND INSTITUTE, AS THE BOARD ALSO DIRECTED, MEMBERS OF  
24 THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY. WE WOULD ALSO REACH OUT TO TOWN  
25 COUNCILS AND OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY WORKING WITH YOU AND YOUR



1 STAFFS. THERE'S BEEN SOME SENTIMENT TO REPORT BACK BEFORE THE  
2 14 MONTHS AND WE WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO REPORT BACK TO YOU  
3 IN 12 MONTHS.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE YOU CONFIDENT THAT THE INCREASES ARE  
6 GOING TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE PROCESSING OF PERMITS?  
7 WHAT SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS, ENHANCEMENTS DO YOU ENVISION THAT  
8 THIS INCREASE WOULD CREATE?

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10 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** WELL, AT THIS POINT, PRIOR TO STARTING THE  
11 PROCESS, I DON'T WANT TO SPECULATE THAT THERE -- WHAT THOSE  
12 OUTCOMES WILL BE, BECAUSE THAT WILL BE THE PURPOSE OF BRINGING  
13 THE STAKEHOLDERS TOGETHER WITH THE FACILITATOR. BUT I'M  
14 CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN BRING BACK IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROCESS  
15 THAT WILL BE -- MAKE THE PROCESS AS TRANSPARENT AS POSSIBLE  
16 AND STREAMLINE THAT PROCESS.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB AND THOUGHTFUL  
19 RESPONSE TO THOSE ISSUES RAISED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MYSELF  
20 IN OUR MOTION THAT WE HAD ADOPTED LAST MONTH, AND WHERE YOU  
21 ANALYZE THE STREET FEE STRUCTURE WITH THE VARIOUS OTHER LOCAL  
22 JURISDICTIONS AND ORIENTED THE FEES TO ELIMINATE OR MINIMIZE  
23 COSTS FOR SMALLER PROJECTS BY INDIVIDUAL HOMEOWNERS OR SMALL  
24 BUSINESS OWNERS. BUT DESPITE THESE EFFORTS, THERE'S NO DOUBT  
25 THAT WE DO HAVE A VERY BAD ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT AT THIS TIME,



1 WHICH IS A DISINCENTIVE TO HAVING ANY TYPE OF FEE INCREASE,  
2 BUT IF THE FEE WAS TO BE INCREASED, THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO  
3 EXPECT INCREASED PERFORMANCE FROM OUR REGIONAL OFFICES. THE  
4 FEE INCREASE BEFORE US COMES ONLY WITH A PLAN TO IMPROVE THE  
5 CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICE. I BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO  
6 TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT THE DEPARTMENT EFFICIENCIES AND  
7 DEFICIENCIES BEFORE THE BOARD RAISES FEES ON THE PUBLIC AND  
8 NOT AFTER. AND WHILE I'D APPRECIATE THE LONGER TERM EFFORTS TO  
9 IMPROVE THE SERVICE, IN MY OPINION, A FEE INCREASE AT THIS  
10 TIME WITHOUT GUARANTEE OF IMPROVED SERVICE IS INAPPROPRIATE.  
11 THAT'S MY POSITION ON THAT ISSUE, MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** WHILE THE RESPONSES WERE THOUGHTFUL, I STILL HAVE  
16 THE CONCERN THAT THE INCREASE IS PREMATURE BASED ON THERE WAS  
17 REALLY NO TIE-IN TO INCREASED PRODUCTION OR OUTPUT. A PROCESS  
18 IS SET UP NOW, BUT UNTIL WE BROUGHT IN THE MOTION, THE  
19 OUTREACH WAS JUST NOT THERE WITH THOSE THAT ARE IMPACTED. AND  
20 THE TIMING FOR THIS FEE INCREASE COULD NOT BE WORSE, SO I  
21 STILL HAVE MAJOR CONCERNS WITH IT AND I INTEND TO VOTE "NO."

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ANYONE ELSE ON BOARD? WE HAVE  
24 TWO SPEAKERS, HOLLY SCHROEDER AND BLAINE MEEK, IF THEY WOULD  
25 JOIN US.





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2 **HOLLY SCHROEDER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. HOLLY SCHROEDER,  
3 WITH THE BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION. THANK YOU FOR THE  
4 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU AGAIN AND FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
5 REVIEW THE REPORT. WE APPRECIATE THE FORMATION OF THE TASK  
6 FORCE. I THINK THAT'S GOING TO HELP AND WE DEFINITELY ARE  
7 READY TO PARTICIPATE. BUT WE REMAIN CONCERNED, AS SUPERVISOR  
8 ANTONOVICH INDICATED, THAT WE HAVE THE ORDER, THE SEQUENCE OF  
9 EVENTS WRONG. WE NEED TO DO THIS TOP-TO-BOTTOM REVIEW BEFORE  
10 YOU RAISE THE FEES. AND I THINK ACTUALLY THE REPORT FROM THE  
11 PLANNING DEPARTMENT PROVES MY POINT. THERE ARE TWO PRIMARY  
12 REASONS ABOUT WHY THE FEES ARE TO BE INCREASED ACCORDING TO  
13 THE REPORT. THE FIRST ONE IS THAT SALARY AND BENEFIT INCREASES  
14 WEREN'T IN THE CURRENT FEE SCHEDULE. THESE ARE INCREASES AT  
15 THE TIME WHEN THE BUILDING INDUSTRY HAS HAD LAYOFFS OF ABOUT  
16 75 PERCENT OF THE WORKFORCE, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT ARE  
17 DOUBLE AND TRIPLE AND QUADRUPLE THE GENERAL INDUSTRY  
18 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE. THIS IS A TERRIBLE TIME TO BE LOOKING AT  
19 RAISING FEES ON THE INDUSTRY. THEN THE OTHER MAJOR REASON  
20 THAT'S CITED IS ALL THE NEW LAYERS OF REQUIREMENTS HAVE MADE  
21 THE WORK MORE COMPLICATED. AND THERE'S SEVERAL, THE GREEN  
22 BUILDING ORDINANCE, THE LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT, THE DROUGHT  
23 TOLERANT ORDINANCE, SOME NEW WATER REQUIREMENTS. ALL OF THESE  
24 ARE EXAMPLES THAT ARE GIVEN. AND I SUBMIT TO YOU THAT THIS IS  
25 THE EXACT PROBLEM. WE WRITE RULES, WE DON'T THINK ABOUT HOW



1 WE'RE GOING TO IMPLEMENT THEM, WE DON'T WORK THEM INTO THE  
2 SYSTEM, WE DON'T MAKE THE PROCESS WORK AS AN INTEGRAL PROCESS.  
3 AND SO EVERYTHING GETS REVIEWED SEPARATELY AND THERE'S  
4 TREMENDOUS DUPLICATION IN THE PROCESS. AND I THINK THE WAY  
5 THAT THE WORK ANALYSIS ON THE TWO EXAMPLES SHOWS THAT. THE  
6 THIRD REASON THAT WAS IN THE REPORT IS THAT PUBLIC HEARINGS  
7 HAVE GOTTEN MORE CONTENTIOUS AND GENERATING MORE APPEALS. BUT  
8 I NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT WHILE THE FEE FOR AN APPLICANT TO DO AN  
9 APPEAL WENT UP BY 300 PERCENT, THE APPEAL FOR SOMEONE OTHER  
10 THAN THE APPLICANT, THE TYPE THAT IS CITED IN THE REPORT,  
11 HASN'T CHANGED. AND WHILE THE BOARD MAY CONTINUE ITS POLICY OF  
12 SUBSIDIZING THESE APPEALS, IT CAN'T USE APPLICANT FEES TO  
13 COVER THOSE COSTS. AND THAT INCLUSION IN THE REPORT MAKES US  
14 WONDER IF THAT'S BEING INCLUDED. SIMILARLY, THE REPORT DOESN'T  
15 REALLY ADDRESS A CONCERN THAT I EXPRESSED LAST MONTH ABOUT  
16 WHETHER FEES ARE BEING EXCLUSIVELY FOR CASE PROCESSING. YOU  
17 CAN ONLY USE THESE FEES FOR WHERE THERE'S A LEGITIMATE NEXUS  
18 TO THE WORK THAT IS BEING PERFORMED AND THE STAFFING THAT IS  
19 ALLEGEDLY AT RISK IS 20 PERCENT OF ADVANCED PLANNING, SIX  
20 POSSESSIONS IN PUBLIC COUNTER ZONING ENFORCEMENT AND I.T., NOT  
21 EXACTLY DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE FEES THAT ARE BEING LEVIED.  
22 ANALYSIS NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED AS THAT, AND I THINK THAT NEEDS  
23 TO BE DONE PRIOR TO THE FEES BEING ENACTED. SO AGAIN, WE  
24 APPRECIATE THE STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE, WE WANT TO PARTICIPATE,  
25 I WANT TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT. BUT WE REALLY THINK THAT



1 THIS ANALYSIS NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED BEFOREHAND. WE SHOULD BE  
2 ABLE TO DO THIS REVIEW IN SIX MONTHS, AND WE SHOULD CONSIDER  
3 THE FEE REVISIONS AT THAT TIME. AGAIN, THIS IS A TERRIBLE TIME  
4 FOR THE INDUSTRY, RAISING FEES IS JUST GOING TO FURTHER HAMPER  
5 PRODUCTION OF NECESSARY HOUSING. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS SCHROEDER. MR. MEEK.

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9 **BLAINE MEEK:** YES, BLAINE MEEK, ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA  
10 ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTING 2,700 OF  
11 YOUR COUNTY PROFESSIONALS, INCLUDING ALL THE THE PLANNERS IN  
12 THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. I SPEAK TODAY ON BEHALF  
13 OF THE FEE INCREASE. AND I JUST WANTED TO START OUT BY SAYING  
14 YOUR -- THE PEOPLE THAT WE REPRESENT AND THAT ARE YOUR  
15 EMPLOYEES, THE PLANNERS, YOU ALL KNOW THEY WORK AND HAVE  
16 WORKED FOR YEARS WITH YOU AND YOUR STAFF TO -- THEY ARE  
17 PROFESSIONALS, THEY ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING YOU AND THE  
18 PUBLIC THE QUALITY OF SERVICES AND THE WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES  
19 THAT YOU HAVE -- AND THE PUBLIC HAS COME TO EXPECT AND RELY  
20 UPON. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT THAT WHAT'S  
21 AT RISK HERE IS TERMINATION OF LONG-TERM PLANNING PROJECTS AND  
22 A REDUCTION IN THE SPEED IN WHICH CASES WOULD BE PROCESSED.  
23 AND THIS IS DUE TO REASSIGNMENT OF STAFF AND A LAYOFF OF  
24 BETWEEN 10 AND 12 OF THE PLANNING STAFF. THAT IS IF YOU DON'T  
25 ACT TO PAY THE COST OF THESE SERVICES. THERE'S TWO WAYS TO PAY



1 THOSE COSTS. ONE IS YOU CAN DIP INTO THE GENERAL FUND AND  
2 BACKFILL. THE OTHER WAY IS TO RAISE THE FEES. I'M SPEAKING ON  
3 BEHALF OF RAISING THE FEES EVEN THOUGH I THINK CAPE IS  
4 PROBABLY THE MOST SENSITIVE UNION TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY  
5 IN THAT WE'RE IMPACTED THE MOST OF ALL YOUR UNIONS IN THE  
6 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. TO US, WHAT'S AT STAKE IS THE QUESTION  
7 HERE IS RAISING THE FEES PROTECTS THESE SERVICES THAT YOU AND  
8 THE PUBLIC HAS COME TO RELY UPON IN A WAY THAT THE PUBLIC AS A  
9 WHOLE DOESN'T PAY THE COST, BUT, RATHER, THE USERS PAY THE  
10 COST, AND WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE FAIR WAY TO FINANCE  
11 THESE SERVICES. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER QUESTION OR COMMENT?  
14 WE HAVE THE ITEM BEFORE US.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, SIR.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE HAVE A POINT OF  
21 OPPORTUNITY HERE. IT SEEMS THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE RATHER  
22 CLEAR THE NOTION OF RAISING FEES HAS DIRECT IMPLICATIONS FOR  
23 RETAINING STAFF AND MAKING SURE THAT THESE SERVICES THAT OUR  
24 RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCIES NEED AND/OR RELY ON ARE POTENTIALLY  
25 AT STAKE IF WE HAVE A REDUCTION IN WORKFORCE. THE BOARD ITSELF



1 IS TRADITIONALLY CHOSEN TO AVOID THAT WHERE REASONABLE. THE  
2 ONLY OPPORTUNITY THAT WE HAVE TO BUTTRESS OURSELVES AGAINST  
3 THAT IS THE INCREASE OF REVENUES, NAMELY WITH THE RAISING OF  
4 FEES IN THIS CONTEXT. IT'S TOUGH TO DO THAT GIVEN THE ECONOMIC  
5 CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ALL OF US ARE ACUTELY AWARE OF AND HAVE  
6 BEEN ARTICULATED BY SOME OF THE SPEAKERS, AND YET THERE'S AN  
7 OPPORTUNITY FOR REFORM HERE THAT I THINK ALL OF US COULD  
8 POTENTIALLY EMBRACE A NEW DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, NEW  
9 DEPARTMENT HEAD, SEIZE OPPORTUNITY. MY CONCERN IS AS FOLLOWS.  
10 FOURTEEN MONTHS TO DO THE REVIEW STRIKES ME AS BEING MUCH  
11 LONGER THAN I'D BE COMFORTABLE WITH. AND SO I'M GOING TO  
12 SUGGEST THAT WE REDUCE THAT LENGTH OF TIME FOR THE REVIEW AND  
13 ACCELERATE THE REVIEW, NOT TO COMPROMISE THE REVIEW, BUT TO  
14 ACCELERATE IT. AND I JUST WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF, IN FACT, THAT  
15 WOULD BE REASONABLE. THE DEPARTMENT HEAD CAN SPEAK TO THAT. IF  
16 SO, I WOULD BE PREPARED TO SO MOVE.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN MOVED. IS THERE A  
19 SECOND?

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TO MOVE WHAT? TO JUST TARGET THE DATE?

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SIX MONTHS RATHER THAN 14. AND I WANT THE  
24 DEPARTMENT HEADS RESPONSE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE --

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1    **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** WE HEARD FROM THE V.I.A. THAT THEY WOULD  
2    LIKE TO SEE SIX MONTHS. WE PROVIDED NINE MONTHS TO PROVIDE A  
3    LITTLE BIT OF CUSHION THERE IN THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A  
4    THIRD PARTY REVIEW THIS AND SOME OF THE BASIC WORK HAS BEEN  
5    DONE. WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT AND BELIEVE WE CAN GET THIS  
6    DONE IN SIX MONTHS. AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO ABIDE BY OUR  
7    RECOMMENDATION TO COME BACK QUARTERLY AND REPORT TO YOU.

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9    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL SECOND IT.

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11    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. ALL RIGHT.  
12    COULD WE HAVE A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THIS ITEM?

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14    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON THE AMENDMENT?

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16    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I THINK IT'S AN ACCEPTED AMENDMENT. DO YOU  
17    WANT TO HAVE A SEPARATE -- OKAY. AS AMENDED.

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19    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AS AMENDED.

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21    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS AMENDED.

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23    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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25    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AYE.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MOTION CARRIES. AND ALSO THIS IS INCLUDED--

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THIS INCLUDED WHAT OTHER ITEM?

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 29, THE REPORT.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT ALSO INCLUDED ITEM NO. 29. ALL RIGHT.

25 SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. ALL RIGHT. NEXT WE HAVE --





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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE ARE ON ITEM NO. 11, AND THIS IS THE  
3 HEARING TO AUTHORIZE THE FORMATION OF THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY  
4 CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF LOS  
5 ANGELES COUNTY AND APPROVE THE REPORT PREPARED BY THE DIRECTOR  
6 OF INTERNAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT. ON THIS ITEM, THIS ITEM  
7 RELATES TO ITEM 1-P AND ALSO ITEM NO. 28, WHICH IS A REPORT BY  
8 THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, WILL ALSO BE HANDLED ALONG  
9 WITH THIS ITEM.

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11 **ELLEN SANDT:** GOOD MORNING. ELLEN SANDT WITH THE C.E.O.'S  
12 OFFICE. AND I'M GOING TO START OFF TODAY AND THEN TOM TINDALL  
13 AND GLENN BYERS WILL BE PROVIDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT  
14 THE PROGRAM. GOING BACK A LITTLE BIT, ASSEMBLY BILL 811 WAS  
15 APPROVED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR IN  
16 JULY OF 2008. A.B. 811 AND THE AMENDMENTS AUTHORIZED LOCAL  
17 GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE FINANCING TO QUALIFIED PROPERTY OWNERS  
18 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY  
19 IMPROVEMENTS AND RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES THAT ARE  
20 PHYSICALLY ATTACHED TO THE PROPERTY. THIS IS A VOLUNTARY  
21 PROGRAM. PARTICIPATING PROPERTY OWNERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO DO  
22 THIS CAN REPAY THE COST OF THE IMPROVEMENT THROUGH AN  
23 ASSESSMENT THAT IS APPLIED THROUGH THEIR PROPERTY TAXES AND  
24 PAID SEMI-ANNUALLY. THE ASSESSMENT IS A LOAN -- I MEAN THE  
25 ASSESSMENT REPAYS THE LOAN, AND WHAT HAPPENS IF THIS



1 PARTICULAR PROPERTY OWNER MOVES OR TRANSFERS THE PROPERTY,  
2 THIS LOAN STAYS WITH THE PROPERTY, WHICH WILL BE AN IMPORTANT  
3 POINT LATER ON. THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM HAS COME TO BE CALLED A  
4 PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY FINANCING, OR P.A.C.E. ON APRIL  
5 14TH OF 2009, YOUR BOARD DIRECTED OUR OFFICE TO WORK WITH  
6 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, I.S.D. AND THE ENERGY  
7 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY TEAM TO PROVIDE A REPORT ON THE  
8 FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A COUNTY-WIDE P.A.C.E., OR A.B.  
9 811 PROGRAM. APRIL LAST MONTH, YOUR BOARD APPROVED A  
10 RESOLUTION OF INTENTION DESCRIBING THE COUNTY'S PLANS TO  
11 IMPLEMENT A P.A.C.E. PROGRAM AND THEN ANNOUNCING TODAY'S  
12 HEARINGS TO OBTAIN INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC, AND IF APPROVED, TO  
13 FORMALLY MOVE FORWARD ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ENERGY PROGRAM  
14 WHICH WE'RE CALLING L.A.C.E.P. WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS  
15 NEW PROGRAM BECAUSE ONE OF THE IMPORTANT THINGS THAT THE  
16 L.A.C.E.P. FINANCING WILL DO UNDER A.B. 811, IS IT MITIGATES  
17 TWO KEY BARRIERS THAT RESIDENTS HAVE RUN INTO IN THE PAST. IT  
18 ELIMINATES THE NEED FOR PROPERTY OWNERS TO PAY FOR THE ENTIRE  
19 COST UP FRONT, WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT PARTICULARLY WITH SOME  
20 OF THE MORE EXPENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS, LIKE SOLAR PANELS. IT ALSO  
21 ESTABLISHES A LOAN OBLIGATION THAT'S ATTACHED TO THE PROPERTY,  
22 NOT TO THE BORROWER. THAT WAY, THE BORROWERS ARE FREE TO  
23 INSTALL SOME OF THE MORE EXPENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS. AND THEN IF  
24 THEY SELL THE PROPERTY, THEY DON'T STILL HAVE TO PAY OFF THE  
25 LOAN, BECAUSE THE LOAN STAYS WITH THE PROPERTY AND IT'S PAID



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1 OFF BY THE NEXT HOMEOWNER WHO IS RECEIVING THE BENEFIT FROM  
2 IT. L.A.C.E.P. IS INTENDED TO FACILITATE A VERY SIGNIFICANT  
3 SHIFT TO A GREEN ECONOMY IN THE L.A. REGION BECAUSE IT WILL BE  
4 PROVIDING A GREAT DEAL MORE WORK RELATED TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY  
5 AND RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES. TOM, NEXT.

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7 **TOM TINDALL:** THANK YOU, ELLEN. TOM TINDALL.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** LET ME JUST WELCOME YOU BACK. WE HAVEN'T  
10 SEEN YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I JUST TOLD ZEV AND MARK, YOU'RE OUR JACK  
13 BAUER.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU'RE LOOKING GOOD. SORRY TO INTERRUPT  
16 YOU. WELCOME BACK.

17

18 **TOM TINDALL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S REALLY MY PLEASURE TO  
19 BE BACK.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HANG ON. DIDN'T YOUR MOTHER EVER TELL YOU  
22 SOMETHING ABOUT MOTORCYCLES?

23

24 **TOM TINDALL:** SHE'S CONTINUING TO, SIR.

25



1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SHE WAS RIGHT.

2

3    **TOM TINDALL:** OKAY. I WILL CONTINUE. TOM TINDALL WITH THE  
4    INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF YOUR  
5    BOARD, WE APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND  
6    CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT THIS  
7    PROGRAM, WHICH WE'RE CALLING THE L.A. COUNTY ENERGY PROGRAM.  
8    THIS IS A PROGRAM THIS IS GOING TO PROVIDE HOMEOWNERS IN L.A.  
9    COUNTY WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM ENERGY EFFICIENCY  
10    IMPROVEMENTS TO THEIR HOMES VERY SIMILAR TO THE IMPROVEMENTS  
11    THAT WE'VE APPLIED TO OUR COUNTY BUILDINGS. AND, OF COURSE,  
12    OVER THE YEARS WE'VE SAVED MILLIONS ON UTILITY COSTS AND  
13    AVOIDED GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AS WELL AS IMPROVED THE  
14    QUALITY AND COMFORT OF THE INDOOR SPACES OF OUR BUILDINGS  
15    THROUGH THESE KIND OF IMPROVEMENTS. A VERY IMPORTANT BENEFIT  
16    TO HOMEOWNERS OR PROPERTY OWNERS. THIS PROGRAM IS WHAT ELLEN  
17    HAS ALREADY MENTIONED, THE FINANCING ASPECT. AND GLENN BYERS  
18    IS GOING TO GET INTO MORE DETAIL ON THAT IN JUST A MINUTE. THE  
19    OTHER BENEFITS, OF COURSE, ARE LOWER UTILITY BILLS. THIS  
20    PROGRAM IS GOING TO LEVERAGE UTILITY GRANTS AND INCENTIVE  
21    PROGRAMS, STATE AND FEDERAL TAX INCENTIVES AS WELL AS THE  
22    COUNTY HAS APPLIED FOR ADDITIONAL GRANTS TO TRY TO HELP LOWER  
23    THE COSTS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS. THESE IMPROVEMENTS MAY VERY  
24    WELL IMPROVE THE -- OR INCREASE THE PROPERTY VALUE. YET IN  
25    GENERAL, PROPERTIES WILL NOT BE REASSESSED AS A RESULT OF



1 APPLYING THESE IMPROVEMENTS. AND, OF COURSE, THERE'S AN  
2 IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE AS A RESULT OF HAVING A MORE  
3 COMFORTABLE HOME. COUNTY-WIDE BENEFITS, REDUCE GREENHOUSE  
4 GASSES AS WELL AS THE CREATION OF CONSTRUCTION JOBS, GREEN  
5 JOBS, TRAINING, AND HOPEFULLY GREEN MANUFACTURING. EXAMPLE  
6 IMPROVEMENTS, VERY BRIEFLY RANGE FROM JUST SEALING THE CRACKS  
7 AROUND DOORS AND WINDOWS TO PUTTING IN NEW DOORS AND WINDOWS,  
8 INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHT FIXTURES AND AIR  
9 CONDITIONING SYSTEMS. HIGH EFFICIENCY WATER FIXTURES AND  
10 IRRIGATION SYSTEMS AND SOLAR HEATING, PHOTOVOLTAIC, AND THE  
11 WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS. PROGRAM COVERAGE IS FOR ALL OF THE  
12 UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY. UNLESS  
13 OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE BOARD, THE PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE AS  
14 LONG AS THERE IS SUFFICIENT DEMAND AND FUNDING FOR THE  
15 IMPROVEMENTS. OUR INITIAL GOALS TO RETROFIT 15,000 HOMES BY  
16 THE END OF 2012 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. WE EXPECT THIS  
17 LEVEL OF ACTIVITY TO CREATE 1,600 CONSTRUCTION JOBS AND 1,000  
18 OTHER TYPE OF JOBS. AND AS CITIES ADOPT THE PROGRAM, THESE  
19 NUMBERS ARE GOING TO INCREASE. INCORPORATED CITIES WITHIN THE  
20 COUNTY MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM BY ADOPTING A  
21 RESOLUTION, ALLOWING PROPERTY OWNERS IN THEIR JURISDICTIONS TO  
22 APPLY FOR FINANCING AND TO IMPLEMENT THESE IMPROVEMENTS. THANK  
23 YOU. NOW I'LL BE FOLLOWED BY GLENN, WHO IS GOING TO TALK ABOUT  
24 THE FINANCING ASPECT OF THE PROGRAM.

25



1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

2

3    **GLENN BYERS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M GLENN BYERS WITH  
4    THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE. THE LOANS TO  
5    PARTICIPATING HOMEOWNERS IN THIS PROGRAM WILL BE SECURED BY  
6    VOLUNTARY CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENTS AND THE FINANCING FOR THESE  
7    LOANS WILL BE THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF 1915 ACT ASSESSMENT  
8    BONDS. UNDER CURRENT FEDERAL TAX LAW, THE A.B. 811 ASSESSMENT  
9    BONDS WILL HAVE TO BE ISSUED ON A TAXABLE BASIS BECAUSE  
10    FEDERAL TAX LAW DOES NOT ALLOW IMPROVEMENTS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY  
11    TO BE FINANCED WITH TAX-EXEMPT BONDS. IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE  
12    THAT NEITHER THE COUNTY'S CREDIT NOR ITS CREDIT RATINGS WILL  
13    IN ANY WAY SUPPORT OR GUARANTEE THE ASSESSMENT BONDS. THEY  
14    WILL BE ISSUED AND STAND ALONE AND SECURED STRICTLY BY THE  
15    ASSESSMENTS. WE HAVE INCORPORATED CERTAIN MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS  
16    FOR PROPERTY OWNERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM. AMONG THESE  
17    ARE THAT THEIR PROPERTY TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS ARE CURRENT ON  
18    THE PROPERTY AND HAVE BEEN CURRENT FOR THE PREVIOUS FIVE  
19    YEARS, THE PROPERTY OWNER IS CURRENT ON THEIR MORTGAGE AND HAS  
20    NOT DEFAULTED ON THE DEED OF TRUST. IMPROVEMENT COSTS ARE  
21    REASONABLE TO THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY. WE'VE STIPULATED THAT  
22    IMPROVEMENTS CAN ONLY BE UP TO 10 PERCENT OF THE VALUE OF THE  
23    PROPERTY AND THE PROPERTY MUST HAVE A LOAN-TO-VALUE RATIO,  
24    THIS WOULD BE A VALUE COMPARED TO ALL LIENS OF NO GREATER THAN  
25    80 PERCENT OF THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY. AND IT'S THIS LAST



1 ITEM THAT IS GOING TO BE MOST IMPORTANT TO OUR INVESTORS. IN  
2 ORDER TO SELL BONDS, WE HAVE TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR  
3 FORECLOSURE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS. AND THE COUNTY WILL  
4 HAVE THE RIGHT BUT NOT THE OBLIGATION TO FORECLOSE ON EVERY  
5 DELINQUENCY. AND WE'LL ONLY INITIATE FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS  
6 ON DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT AMOUNTS. WE WILL NOT BE FORECLOSING  
7 ON DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES OR OTHER DIRECT ASSESSMENTS THAT  
8 ARE ON THE TAX BILLS. THE TREASURER WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN  
9 TO MITIGATE THE NEED TO START THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. AND  
10 AMONG THE THINGS WE WILL DO, THERE WILL BE AT LEAST TWO PRIOR  
11 NOTICES THAT WILL GO TO HOMEOWNERS. BECAUSE OF OUR LOAN  
12 REQUIREMENTS AND OUR INTERNAL PROCESSES IN THE EVENT THAT  
13 THERE ARE DELINQUENCIES, WE DO EXPECT THE NUMBER OF JUDICIAL  
14 FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS TO BE SMALL. THE SPECIFIC DETAILS OF A  
15 FORECLOSURE POLICY WILL BE NEGOTIATED WITH OUR UNDERWRITERS  
16 AND WITH INVESTORS WHEN WE ARE PREPARING TO ISSUE BONDS. SO  
17 WHEN WE RETURN TO THE BOARD FOR SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION TO SELL  
18 A.B. 811 BONDS, WE WILL INCLUDE THE SPECIFIC FORECLOSURE  
19 REQUIREMENTS WHEN WE COME BACK TO THE BOARD. IN THE PAST FEW  
20 WEEKS, THERE HAS BEEN IN THE PRESS INFORMATION STATING THAT  
21 FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC ALSO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THE  
22 PROPERTY ASSESS CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAMS. BOTH FANNIE MAE AND  
23 FREDDIE MAC HAVE ISSUED BULLETINS WHERE THEY HAVE SAID THAT  
24 THE UNIFORM SECURITIES INSTRUMENTS THAT THEY USED AS THEIR  
25 LOAN DOCUMENTS PROHIBIT LOANS THAT HAVE A SENIOR LIEN STATUS





1 TO THEIR MORTGAGES. OUR PROGRAM IS STRUCTURED ON THE PREMISE  
2 THAT AN A.B. 811 LOAN WILL HAVE A PRIORITY STATUS RELATIVE TO  
3 THE MORTGAGE AND THAT NO ADVERSE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST  
4 THE PROGRAM BY EITHER FANNIE MAE OR FREDDIE MAC. THE  
5 DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND THE WHITE HOUSE HAVE BOTH REITERATED  
6 THEIR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAMS AND ARE  
7 EXPECTED TO PURSUE HOPEFULLY A QUICK RESOLUTION TO THE ISSUES  
8 WITH FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC. THIS CONCLUDES OUR REMARKS.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE HAVE FOUR SPEAKERS,  
11 ALL THEM IN FAVOR, SO I HOPE YOU WILL BE BRIEF TODAY. IF WE  
12 CAN BEGIN WITH TAMMY SCHWOLSKY, JIM JENAL, HOLLY SCHROEDER AND  
13 KARA SEWARD, IF THEY'D JOIN US, PLEASE. OKAY. MR. DIMOV, I  
14 DIDN'T CALL YOU SIR. OKAY. MISS SCHWOLSKY, IS THAT CORRECT.

15

16 **TAMMY SCHWOLSKY:** SCHWOLSKY, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON,  
17 SUPERVISORS. I AM THE FOUNDER OF R.E.A.S., RESIDENTIAL ENERGY  
18 ASSESSMENT SERVICES. WE'VE BEEN IN BUSINESS IN LOS ANGELES  
19 COUNTY SINCE 2007. AND I AM HERE IN SUPPORT. I'M SO GLAD  
20 EVERYONE ELSE IS, TOO. IT'S REALLY MUSIC TO OUR EARS TO HAVE A  
21 BARRIER OF OURS WHICH IS THE FINANCING MECHANISM. WE PROVIDE  
22 ENERGY AUDITS FOR SEVERAL HOMEOWNERS AND THE MAJORITY OF THEM  
23 CANNOT FINANCE THE UP-FRONT COST TO ACTUALLY DO THE RETROFIT  
24 WORK. THERE ARE A FEW ISSUES THAT OUR INDUSTRY IS CONCERNED  
25 ABOUT IN TERMS OF P.A.C.E. FINANCING. ONE IS A COMPETITIVE



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1 INTEREST RATE. WE REALLY NEED A COMPETITIVE INTEREST RATE TO  
2 MAKE THIS PROGRAM WORK, AND IT WILL ALSO FOLLOW THE D.O.E.'S  
3 BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR EXPECTED S.I.R., SAVINGS-TO-  
4 INVESTMENT RATIO. THE OTHER ISSUE IS QUALITY ASSURANCE. WE  
5 WOULD REALLY LIKE IT MANDATED THAT ALL THE AUDITORS ARE  
6 CERTIFIED, NATIONALLY CREDENTIALLED BUILDING PERFORMANCE ENERGY  
7 INSTITUTE AUDITORS. BECAUSE THERE ARE SAFETY ISSUES. WHEN YOU  
8 SEAL UP A HOME AND PUT INSULATION, THERE COULD BE CARBON  
9 MONOXIDE LEAKAGE AND YOU DON'T WANT TO MAKE A HOMEOWNER SICK,  
10 SO THERE'S SPECIAL TESTING FOR THAT, SO WE NEED CREDENTIALLED  
11 AUDITORS BE MANDATED. AND THIRDLY, TRAINING. WE REALLY NEED  
12 TRAINING FOR THE CONTRACTORS TO HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THE  
13 P.A.C.E. PROGRAM, UNDERSTAND THE PAPERWORK AND HOW TO EXPLAIN  
14 IT AND MARKET IT TO HOMEOWNERS TO MAKE THIS A VIABLE PROGRAM.  
15 AND LASTLY, THIS CAN DEFINITELY CREATE JOBS. WE LOOK FORWARD  
16 TO HIRING MORE PEOPLE ONCE P.A.C.E. IS IMPLEMENTED. THANK YOU  
17 VERY MUCH.

18

19 **JIM JENAL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JIM JENAL, I'M THE  
20 FOUNDER AND OWNER OF RUN ON SUN. WE'RE A SOLAR POWER INSTALLER  
21 IN PASADENA. WE ALSO DO CONSULTING WORK, AND SOME OF THE WORK  
22 WE'VE DONE IS TO CONSULT WITH THE CITY OF PASADENA'S WATER AND  
23 POWER PROGRAM ON BEST PRACTICES IN THE SOLAR INDUSTRY. WE'RE  
24 IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM. WE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING ITS  
25 DEVELOPMENT FOR MANY MONTHS NOW. I HAVE FOUR POINTS THAT I'D



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1    LIKE TO MAKE QUICKLY. AND THE FIRST HAS TO DO WITH  
2    QUALIFICATIONS OF SOLAR CONTRACTORS. YOU JUST HEARD FROM MY  
3    COLLEAGUE, TAMMY HERE, ABOUT HOW THE PROGRAM ON THE ENERGY  
4    EFFICIENCY SIDE IS LOOKING AT QUALIFICATIONS FOR HERS AND  
5    D.P.I. QUALIFICATIONS. THE ONLY QUALIFICATION ON THE SOLAR  
6    PANEL INSTALLATION SIDE HOWEVER IS SIMPLY TO HAVE A  
7    CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE. UNFORTUNATELY, BASED ON THE WORK OF  
8    OTHERS THAT WE HAVE INSPECTED, THAT'S JUST NOT SUFFICIENT.  
9    FORTUNATELY, THERE IS A STANDARDS ORGANIZATION OUT THERE, IT'S  
10    KNOWN AS N.A.P.C.A., WHICH STANDS FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN BOARD  
11    OF CERTIFIED ENERGY PRACTITIONERS THAT PROVIDES A  
12    STANDARDIZATION, A CERTIFICATION FOR QUALIFIED INSTALLERS. WE  
13    WOULD URGE YOU TO REQUIRE THAT FOR SOLAR INSTALLERS THAT  
14    PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM AS A WAY OF GUARANTEEING HIGH  
15    QUALITY WORK AND MAKING SURE THAT THE BENEFITS THAT ARE SOUGHT  
16    ARE ACTUALLY RECEIVED. IN ADDITION, FOR SMALL COMPANIES, IT'S  
17    IMPORTANT THAT THESE LOANS BE ALLOWED TO HAVE PARTIAL  
18    DISBURSEMENTS ALONG THE WAY. SOME OF THOSE PROJECTS ARE 25 TO  
19    \$45,000 OR SO. TO EXPECT A SMALL CONTRACTOR TO FRONT THAT  
20    MONEY FOR THE 60 TO 90 DAYS THAT IT WOULD TAKE TO GET PAYMENT  
21    IS JUST NOT REASONABLE. PARTIAL DISBURSEMENTS AFTER MATERIALS  
22    ARE DELIVERED TO THE JOBSITE WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS  
23    FACILITATING THE INCLUSION OF SMALL CONTRACTORS AS WELL AS THE  
24    LARGE PLAYERS. YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD CONCERNS ABOUT INTEREST  
25    RATES. THE LAST POINT I WOULD SIMPLY RAISE HAS TO DO WITH THE



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1 80 PERCENT EQUITY ISSUE THAT WAS DISCUSSED AS WELL. WHILE I  
2 UNDERSTAND ITS SIGNIFICANCE TO THE BOND MARKET, BY OUR  
3 CALCULATIONS, THAT REQUIREMENT EXCLUDES ANYONE WHO HAS  
4 PURCHASED A HOME SINCE 2003. WHAT YOU'RE REALLY SAYING IS TO  
5 YOUNG HOMEOWNERS, NEW HOMEOWNERS, MANY TIMES THE PEOPLE WHO  
6 HAVE THE GREATEST DEGREE OF ENTHUSIASM FOR A PROGRAM SUCH AS  
7 THIS, THEY'RE GOING TO BE PRECLUDED FROM PARTICIPATING BECAUSE  
8 THERE'S JUST NO WAY THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE THAT KIND OF EQUITY  
9 IN THE PROPERTY. SO WHATEVER YOU COULD GIVE BY WAY OF  
10 DIRECTION TO THE STAFF TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE WOULD BE  
11 TREMENDOUSLY APPRECIATED. LASTLY, I WANT TO THANK THE STAFF  
12 FOR THE PROCESS THAT THEY'VE PUT TOGETHER, THE OUTREACH THAT  
13 THEY HAVE HAD TO THE STAKEHOLDERS. WE APPRECIATE THE PROGRAM  
14 THAT THEY'RE DEVELOPING AND WE'RE AN EAGER PARTICIPANT. WE  
15 URGE YOUR SUPPORT.

16  
17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MISS SCHROEDER?

18  
19 **HOLLY SCHROEDER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. AGAIN, HOLLY  
20 SCHROEDER WITH THE BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION. WHILE THE  
21 B.I.A. IS OFTEN THOUGHT OF AS NEW HOME BUILDERS, THE MAJORITY  
22 OF OUR MEMBERSHIP IS ACTUALLY THE SUPPLIERS AND SUBCONTRACTORS  
23 THAT ALSO BUILD HOMES AND THEY ALSO ARE INVOLVED IN REMODELING  
24 HOMES. SO WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE  
25 DESIGNED APPROPRIATELY, WE THINK IT COULD BE A MAJOR BOOST FOR



1 JOBS IN L.A. COUNTY AND ALL THE TROUBLES FACING THE  
2 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY THAT I TALKED ABOUT IN THE LAST ITEM. AS  
3 YOU KNOW, NEW HOMES ARE SUBJECT TO VERY STRICT ENERGY  
4 REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 24, BUT IF WE REALLY WANT TO MAKE IN-  
5 ROADS IN GREENHOUSE GASSES EMISSIONS, REDUCTIONS, AND REDUCING  
6 THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY USED BY HOMES, WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING  
7 ABOUT THE EXISTING HOUSING STOCK, BECAUSE THE MAJORITY OF THE  
8 HOUSING STOCK IN L.A. COUNTY WAS BUILT BEFORE THE ENERGY CODE  
9 EXISTED. AND THIS PROGRAM HAS THE POTENTIAL TO REDUCE  
10 EMISSIONS, LOWER HOMEOWNER ENERGY BILLS AND ALL THE WHILE  
11 GOING TO CREATE IMPORTANT CONSTRUCTION JOBS. AND SO WE OFFER  
12 OUR SUPPORT. WE ALSO WANT TO OFFER OUR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE AS  
13 THE PROGRAM DESIGN IS FINALIZED. SPECIFICALLY IT'S GOING TO BE  
14 REALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE PROGRAM WORK WITHIN THE BUSINESS  
15 MODEL OF THE REMODELERS AND CONTRACTORS THAT ARE IMPLEMENTING  
16 THAT. AND YOU HEARD SOME SPECIFICS FROM TAMMY AND JIM,  
17 WORKABLE INTEREST RATES, WORKABLE PAYMENT TIMELINES, PARTIAL  
18 PAYMENTS ARE GOING TO BE REALLY CRITICAL TO GETTING CONTRACTOR  
19 PARTICIPATION. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IS GOING TO BE REALLY,  
20 REALLY CRITICAL. THEY SPOKE ABOUT SOME OF THE CERTIFICATION  
21 PROGRAMS THAT ARE OUT THERE. THERE MAY NOT BE ENOUGH FOLKS  
22 READY TO DO THAT, SO WE NEED TO MAKE SOME INVESTMENT IN THAT,  
23 AND THEN MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE COUNTY REALLY NEEDS TO ENGAGE  
24 IN A SIGNIFICANT STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH, OUTREACH TO THE  
25 CONTRACTING COMMUNITY SO THAT THE GUIDELINES AND RULES OF THIS



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1 PROGRAM ARE WELL UNDERSTOOD. YOUR MOST SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS  
2 WILL BE ONES WHERE YOU'RE TAKING SOMEBODY WHO IS DOING WORK TO  
3 THEIR HOME AND THEY ARE THEN TAKING ADVANTAGE OF AN  
4 OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE UPON THAT PROJECT WITH ADDITIONAL  
5 ENERGY EFFICIENCY OR RENEWABLE ENERGY CHANGES TO THEIR  
6 REMODELING PROJECT THAT THEY'RE PURSUING. THAT MEANS YOU'VE  
7 GOT TO GET OUT TO THE MAINSTREAM CONTRACTOR, YOUR EVERYDAY  
8 CONTRACTOR, AND THE B.I.A. WANTS TO WORK WITH YOU AS YOU  
9 IMPLEMENT THAT. WE THINK WE CAN CAPITALIZE ON THIS VERY UNIQUE  
10 OPPORTUNITY THAT WE HAVE WITH STIMULUS FUNDS IN THE BOND  
11 MARKETS, AND SO WE URGE YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS SEWARD?

14

15 **KARA SEWARD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KARA SEWARD, AND I'M  
16 HERE TODAY REPRESENTING STATE SENATOR FRAN PAVLEY. SENATOR  
17 PAVLEY STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S ADOPTION OF  
18 A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM, OR P.A.C.E.,  
19 PURSUANT TO A.B. 811 FROM 2008. P.A.C.E. WILL ALLOW HOMEOWNERS  
20 TO SEE IMMEDIATE REDUCTIONS IN THEIR ENERGY BILLS THAT CAN  
21 HELP THEM PAY BACK THEIR LOANS. THIS IS A PERFECT TIME FOR THE  
22 COUNTY TO BE IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM THAT WILL PROVIDE A  
23 SIGNIFICANT BOOST TO BOTH THE ECONOMY AND THE ENVIRONMENT.  
24 THIS PROGRAM, IF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED, SHOULD SEE A NUMBER  
25 OF IMPORTANT BENEFITS. THESE INCLUDE GOOD CONSTRUCTION JOBS,



1 THE RAPID GROWTH OF ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE  
2 ENERGY PROJECTS WILL MEAN A GROWING DEMAND FOR TRAINED LABOR  
3 AND BUSINESSES THAT KNOW HOW TO DELIVER GOODS AND SERVICES.  
4 THIS WILL ASSIST ONE OF THE HARDEST HIT LABOR MARKETS,  
5 CONSTRUCTION WORKERS. INCREASED LOCAL REVENUE TO BUSINESSES  
6 AND GOVERNMENTS, INCREASING THE INSTALLATION OF BOTH ENERGY  
7 EFFICIENCY PRODUCTS AND RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION FROM THIS  
8 PROGRAM CAN PROVIDE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN REVENUES THROUGH  
9 THE STATE SALES TAX ON PURCHASED EQUIPMENT AND GREATER  
10 EMPLOYMENT RESULTING IN LOWER UNEMPLOYMENT COSTS AND GREATER  
11 INCOME TAX FOR MORE EMPLOYMENT. HOMEOWNERS AND SMALL BUSINESS  
12 OWNERS WILL SAVE MONEY. BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL  
13 BUILDINGS WILL HAVE LOWER ENERGY AND WATER BILLS AND MORE CASH  
14 ON HAND. MORE AVAILABLE INCOME. RESEARCH BY THE NONPARTISAN  
15 GROUP, NEXT 10, SHOWS THAT A DOLLAR DIVERTED FROM ENERGY AND  
16 WATER BILLS AND INTO DISPOSABLE INCOME HAS 50 TIMES MORE  
17 ECONOMIC VALUE. LESS POLLUTION. CALIFORNIA'S BUILDING STOCK  
18 WILL SEE A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY THAT  
19 WILL REDUCE ENERGY DEMAND AND AIR AND GREENHOUSE GAS  
20 POLLUTION. SAVE WATER. WATER EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS WILL  
21 ALLOW LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO BECOME MORE REGIONALLY SUSTAINABLE  
22 WITH LESS RELIANCE ON WATER IMPORTS. THE TIMING OF THIS  
23 PROGRAM COINCIDES WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SENATOR PAVLEY'S  
24 LEGISLATION, S.B. 77, WHICH WAS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR IN  
25 APRIL. S.B. 77 LOWERS THE FINANCING COSTS FOR THE COUNTY AND





1 INCREASES THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE P.A.C.E. IMPROVEMENTS TO  
2 HOME AND BUSINESS OWNERS BY CREATING A STATE PROGRAM TO LOWER  
3 FINANCING COSTS. THE BILL AUTHORIZES A 50-MILLION-DOLLAR  
4 RESERVE FUND THAT CAN BE USED FOR QUALIFIED P.A.C.E. FINANCING  
5 PROGRAMS AS CREDIT ENHANCEMENT COSTS. SENATOR PAVLEY WANTS TO  
6 COMMEND THE COUNTY'S LEADERSHIP IN DEVELOPING THEIR P.A.C.E.  
7 PROGRAM. IN PARTICULAR, SHE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE GOOD  
8 WORK AND COORDINATION OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THIS  
9 PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE COUNTY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE  
10 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, THE INTERNAL SERVICES  
11 DEPARTMENT AND THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY TEAM. SHE'S  
12 PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY THE OUTREACH EFFORTS OF THE COUNTY  
13 AND WOULD LIKE TO OFFER HER ASSISTANCE IN THESE EFFORTS AS THE  
14 PROGRAM MOVES FORWARD. TO ENSURE SUCCESS, SENATOR PAVLEY  
15 BELIEVES THAT THE COUNTY P.A.C.E. A.B. 811 PROGRAM SHOULD  
16 INCLUDE SOME KEY ELEMENTS AS IT IS FURTHER DEVELOPED. THESE  
17 ELEMENTS WOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING. THE PROGRAM NEEDS TO  
18 BENEFIT AND SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES, INCLUDING SMALL  
19 BUSINESSES. THE PROGRAM SHOULD REQUIRE USING QUALIFIED  
20 LICENSED CONTRACTORS FOR SOLAR INSTALLATIONS AS WELL AS FOR  
21 ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS. PROPERTY OWNERS AND/OR  
22 CONTRACTORS SHOULD NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING ALL THE  
23 UP-FRONT COSTS OF THE PROGRAM BEFORE FINANCING IS AVAILABLE.  
24 THE COUNTY SHOULD ATTEMPT TO KEEP INTEREST RATES AS LOW AS  
25 POSSIBLE. AND FINALLY, THE PROGRAM'S SUCCESS WILL DEPEND TO A



1 LARGE DEGREE ON OUTREACH AND MARKETING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC  
2 AND QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS. SENATOR PAVLEY WOULD LIKE TO URGE  
3 THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A P.A.C.E.  
4 PROGRAM FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES. ON BEHALF OF SENATOR  
5 PAVLEY, I URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE TO APPROVE THE P.A.C.E.  
6 PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BY THE COUNTY. THANKS FOR YOUR  
7 TIME.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES OUR SPEAKERS. SUPERVISOR  
10 YAROSLAVSKY.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL, LET ME  
13 THANK OUR STAFFS, TOM TINDALL AND HIS STAFF AT I.S.D., AND THE  
14 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE AND ALL THE OTHERS WHO  
15 HAVE WORKED ON THIS FOR QUITE A LONG TIME AND TRYING TO PUT  
16 THIS INTO SOME KIND OF SHAPE. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK SENATOR  
17 PAVLEY FOR HER ENGAGEMENT AND HER INVOLVEMENT AND FOR HER  
18 STAFF'S COMMENTS HERE THIS MORNING. LET ME READ A MOTION THAT  
19 I HAVE. IF IMPLEMENTED SUCCESSFULLY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S  
20 ENERGY PROGRAM WILL HELP REDUCE ENERGY AND WATER COSTS FOR  
21 PROPERTY OWNERS, CREATE VITALLY NEEDED CONSTRUCTION JOBS AND  
22 HELP THE COUNTY MEET ITS GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION GOALS. IN  
23 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS ALONE, THE PROGRAM IS TARGETED TO  
24 RETROFIT 15,000 HOMES, CREATE 2,600 JOBS AND ADD \$150 MILLION  
25 TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY. IF ALL THE COUNTY'S CITIES JOINED IN THE



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1 PROGRAM, THE IMPACT CAN BE MANY TIMES GREATER. HOWEVER, IN  
2 ORDER TO ACTUALLY REACH THESE AMBITIOUS GOALS, AMONG OTHER  
3 TASKS, THE COUNTY WILL NEED TO DESIGN THE PROGRAM IN A WAY  
4 THAT FACILITATES A SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL  
5 CONTRACTORS AND OTHER SMALL BUSINESSES. WE HAVE HEARD FROM  
6 LOCAL CONTRACTORS AND BUSINESS OWNERS ON A RANGE OF TOPICS  
7 THAT INCLUDE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING  
8 CONTRACTORS, THE MECHANISM AND TIMING OF DISBURSING LOANS TO  
9 HOMEOWNERS. FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD PAYMENTS BE MADE AS ONE LUMP  
10 SUM OR IN MULTIPLE INSTALLMENTS? AND SHOULD THE PAYMENTS BE  
11 DISBURSED TO HOMEOWNERS BEFORE OR AFTER WORK IS COMPLETED? AND  
12 CONCERN OVER THE ESTIMATED INTEREST RATE THAT WILL BE CHARGED  
13 TO PARTICIPATING PROPERTY OWNERS. AS A PART OF THE COUNTY'S  
14 ONGOING OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY, THE COUNTY'S ENERGY PROGRAM  
15 TEAM SHOULD MEET DIRECTLY WITH INTERESTED CONTRACTORS IN AN  
16 EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY TAKES THEIR EXPERT OPINIONS  
17 INTO ACCOUNT WHEN FINALIZING THE DESIGN OF OUR ENERGY PROGRAM.  
18 I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE  
19 DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES OR HIS DESIGNEE TO INITIATE A  
20 MEETING WITH INTERESTED LOCAL CONTRACTORS AND OTHER  
21 APPROPRIATE BUSINESS OWNERS WITHIN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS AND  
22 REPORT BACK AS PART OF HIS DEPARTMENT'S ONGOING A.B. 811  
23 REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING HOW THE L.A.  
24 COUNTY ENERGY PROGRAM WILL BE DESIGNED IN A WAY THAT ADDRESSES  
25 THEIR POLICY CONCERNS TO THE EXTENT IT IS FEASIBLE TO DO SO



1 AND IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PROGRAM'S AND OTHER POLICY  
2 OBJECTIVES.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** SECOND THAT.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. JUST A COUPLE OF  
9 OBSERVATIONS. I THINK IT'S A GOOD THING. YOU MAY RECALL, IT  
10 WAS APPROXIMATELY A YEAR AGO -- ACTUALLY, IN APRIL OF LAST  
11 YEAR, THAT THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY MOVED FORWARD WITH THE IDEA  
12 THAT WOULD ESSENTIALLY CAUSE US TO FORMULATE SUCH A PROGRAM.  
13 AND I THINK WE SHOULDN'T BE RELUCTANT TO ONCE AGAIN  
14 ACKNOWLEDGE AND TO THANK STAFF SPECIFICALLY FOR THE  
15 DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROGRAM. IT MEANS SOMETHING THAT'S RATHER  
16 IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF THE JOBS THAT WILL BE CREATED, IN TERMS  
17 OF THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENDA THAT WE  
18 ARTICULATE WITH SOME FREQUENCY. THE LEAD OFFICES ARE ALREADY  
19 ACKNOWLEDGED, BUT I WON'T LEND MY VOICE TO THAT WITH THE CHIEF  
20 EXECUTIVE OFFICE, BOTH WITH ELLEN SANDT AND LARRY SHEEHAN, AND  
21 THE AND TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, GLENN BYERS IN I.S.D.,  
22 TOM, WE GIVE YOU ANOTHER SHOUT OUT TO JIM JONES AND TO HOWARD  
23 CHOY. BUT THE IDEA OF ENERGY RETROFITS FOR SOME 15,000 SINGLE-  
24 FAMILY HOMES IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS IS A GOOD THING, A  
25 SIGNIFICANT THING, AND THE ANCILLARY JOBS THAT WILL BE



1 CONNECTED WITH THAT, SOME 1,000 SUCH JOBS. AND THE ESTIMATES  
2 OF 150 MILLION IN TERMS OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY. IT'S WORTH  
3 EXPLICATING, SO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS  
4 PROGRAM, IT'S MORE THAN SOMETHING THAT'S AN ABSTRACTION, IT'S  
5 THE REAL DEAL IN TERMS OF WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO HERE IN THE  
6 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, OUR PART OF THIS PUZZLE TO MAKE GOOD ON  
7 ENERGY EFFICIENCY, ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND/OR  
8 RESPONSIVENESS. AND I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR ITS EMBRACE  
9 OF THAT MOTION IN APRIL OF LAST YEAR. IN ADDITION TO THAT, THE  
10 STAFF FOR COMING FORWARD WITH IMPLEMENTATION. I SUPPORT THE  
11 AMENDMENT AND THE FREQUENCY WITH WHICH WE HEAR BACK ON,  
12 EMPANELLING APPROPRIATE LOCAL CONTRACTORS TO LEARN ABOUT THE  
13 PROGRAM AND MOVE IT FORWARD, IN MY VIEW, IS A GOOD THING. AND  
14 I JUST WANTED TO ADD THOSE WORDS, MADAM CHAIR, AND MUCH LESS  
15 THAN THE 30 MINUTES THAN I PROMISED, BUT BEING THAT YOU ARE  
16 GOVERNING WITH THE KIND OF EFFICIENCY THAT MIRRORS THIS  
17 PROGRAM, I WOULD SIMPLY WISH TO EMBRACE THE IDEA AND ASK MR.  
18 KNABE IF HE WANTS TO SPEAK FOR ANOTHER 30 MINUTES. THANK YOU  
19 SO MUCH.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** HE'S NOT GOING TO TAKE YOU UP ON THAT.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOT WITH YOUR PERMISSION.



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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE US, AS  
2    AMENDED. ANY OBJECTION?

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4    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND MADAM CHAIR, THAT ALSO INCLUDES ITEM 1-  
5    P AND THEN A RECEIVE AND FILE ON ITEM 28.

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7    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT --  
8    SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT SUPERVISOR  
9    ANTONOVICH HAS LIFTED HIS HOLD ON ITEM 18.

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11   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 23 AND 27.

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13   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 23 AND 27.

14

15   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

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17   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IS THAT CORRECT? THOSE ITEMS MOVED BY  
18   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MYSELF. IF THERE'S NO  
19   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT. AND THEN THERE'S A FOUR-VOTE  
20   ITEM, ITEM NO. 22. AND IT'S MOVED BY MYSELF, SECONDED BY  
21   SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT  
22   ITEM. ALL RIGHT. THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION HAS  
23   BEEN WAITING IMPATIENTLY, ACTUALLY VERY PATIENTLY, AND WE  
24   APPRECIATE THAT. THEY WERE SCHEDULED TO BE HEARD RIGHT AT 11



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1 O'CLOCK. WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE AND WE WOULD ASK THEM TO  
2 COME UP FOR THEIR PRESENTATION.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT IS 11 O'CLOCK.

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6 **ALGIRD LEIGA:** GOOD MORNING. ACTUALLY, IT'S GOOD AFTERNOON.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

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10 **ALGIRD LEIGA:** I'M AL LEIGA, CHAIR OF THE QUALITY AND  
11 PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION. BEFORE I ACTUALLY GO INTO OUR  
12 FINDINGS, I'LL LET THE OTHER GENTLEMEN HERE INTRODUCE  
13 THEMSELVES.

14

15 **RON GALPERIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M RON GALPERIN, ALSO WITH THE  
16 QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION.

17

18 **VIGGO BUTLER:** VIGGO BUTLER WITH THE COMMISSION.

19

20 **DARRYL OSBY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DARRYL OSBY, CHIEF DEPUTY  
21 REPRESENTING FIRE CHIEF FREEMAN.

22

23 **ALGIRD LEIGA:** I ACTUALLY WANT TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF OUR  
24 WORKING GROUP THAT MADE THIS REPORT HAPPEN. IT'S A PLEASURE TO  
25 HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM. IT'S A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK





1 THAT WENT INTO IT. AND THE MEMBERS WERE COMMISSIONER VIGGO  
2 BUTLER, WHICH YOU HEARD FROM, COMMISSIONER RON GALPERIN,  
3 COMMISSIONER BILL SULLIVAN, COMMISSIONER BILL WADDELL,  
4 ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF JIM CRAWFORD'S HERE IN THE ROOM. AND MARK  
5 GRENINGER FROM THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICE, HE'S HERE IN THE  
6 ROOM TOO. AND EMILY SIPSHIN WAS A -- THAT HELPED US, SHE'S  
7 HERE IN THE ROOM AS WELL. AND RUTH WONG, OUR COMMISSION  
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. I REALLY WANT TO THANK THEM ALL FOR THE  
9 EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT OF WORK TO BRING ALL THE COMPLICATED WORK  
10 TOGETHER. AS YOU KNOW, ON JANUARY 12, THE BOARD DIRECTED THE  
11 QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PRESENT  
12 SOLUTIONS TO ESTABLISH AN AUTOMATED EARLY DETECTION SYSTEM AND  
13 RAPID ALL WEATHER 24-HOUR RESPONSE TO SUPPRESS FOREST AND  
14 BRUSH FIRES AT THE SOURCE. TO FRAME THE ISSUE I THINK, IN A  
15 MOTION TO CONDUCT THE STUDY, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH BASICALLY  
16 STATED THE RECENT MASSIVE AND DESTRUCTIVE STATION FIRE COST  
17 LOCAL TAXPAYERS \$89 MILLION TO FIGHT AND MILLIONS MORE IN  
18 INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY COSTS. TRAGICALLY, TWO LOS ANGELES  
19 COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS, FIRE CAPTAIN TED HALL AND FIREFIGHTER  
20 SPECIALIST, ARNIE QUINONAS, LOST THEIR LIVES TRYING TO PROTECT  
21 THEIR FIRE SUPPRESSION CAMP HEADQUARTERS. THE STATION FIRE  
22 GRAPHICALLY SPOTLIGHTS THE NEED TO STUDY AND IDENTIFY  
23 SOLUTIONS FOR ESTABLISHING AN AUTOMATED EARLY DETECTION SYSTEM  
24 AND RAPID ALL WEATHER 24-HOUR RESPONSE TO SUPPRESS FOREST AND  
25 BRUSH FIRES AT THE SOURCE. WHILE UPON RECEIPT OF THE



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1 DIRECTIVE, THE COMMISSION FORMED A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY AND  
2 REPORT ON THE BOARD'S REQUEST. AN OVERALL ACTION PLAN, A DRAFT  
3 OUTLINE, POSSIBLE SECTIONS OF THE REPORT WERE PREPARED.  
4 INFORMATION FROM THE ALLIANCE RENOVATION AND CALLS TO CONTACTS  
5 SUGGESTED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S STAFF PROVIDED I THINK  
6 VERY IMPORTANT STARTING POINTS FOR OTHER EXPLORATION. THE  
7 AREAS WE LOOKED AT IN SUMMARY WERE WHAT OTHERS HAD BEEN DOING  
8 FOR EARLY DETECTION RESPONSE, AERIAL AND GROUND-BASED EARLY  
9 DETECTION SYSTEMS, FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE RESPONSE  
10 CAPABILITY, AND AVIONICS FOR IMPROVED TERRAIN AWARENESS. WE  
11 EXAMINED AVAILABLE DATABASES, CONTACTED KEY FIRE  
12 PROFESSIONALS, AND IDENTIFIED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL  
13 COMMERCIAL VENDORS. WE ACTUALLY FOUND AVAILABLE EARLY  
14 DETECTION TECHNOLOGIES INCLUDING GROUND-BASED SENSORS, MANNED  
15 AND UNMANNED AIRPORT SURVEILLANCE, SATELLITE TECHNOLOGIES. WE  
16 ALSO INTERVIEWED EXPERTS AND HEARD PRESENTATIONS BY COMMERCIAL  
17 VENDORS REPRESENTING TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS TO IDENTIFY ADVANTAGES  
18 AND LIMITATIONS OF EACH SYSTEM. TO HELP EVALUATE THE OFFERINGS  
19 OF THE -- WE INVITED SPEAKERS AND WE WERE FORTUNATE TO HAVE  
20 THE PARTICIPATION OF JIM CRAWFORD FROM L.A. FIRE AND MARK  
21 GRENINGER, THE C.I.O. FOR INFORMATION SYSTEM SUPPORT. WE WANT  
22 TO THANK CHIEF P. MICHAEL FREEMAN AND ALSO RICHARD SANCHEZ FOR  
23 SUPPORTING THIS EFFORT BY ALLOWING THESE GENTLEMEN TO WORK  
24 WITH US. AT THE END OF OUR WORK, WE REACHED THE FOLLOWING MAIN  
25 CONCLUSION. TECHNOLOGY CURRENTLY EXISTS TO PROVIDE 24-HOUR



1 AUTOMATED EARLY DETECTION OF FIRES IN REMOTE AREAS.  
2 TECHNOLOGIES INCLUDE A SATELLITE SYSTEM, GROUND-BASED CAMERAS  
3 AND INFRARED SENSORS. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
4 CAN PROVIDE RAPID RESPONSE FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION. HOWEVER,  
5 AVIONICS TECHNOLOGY EXISTS TO IMPROVE 24-HOUR ABILITY WITH  
6 HELICOPTERS TO FLY TO ANY FIRE LOCATION WITH ACCURATE TERRAIN  
7 GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION. SOME OF THE KEY FINDINGS OF OUR STUDY  
8 WERE THERE'S SOMETHING CALLED THE ADVANCED HAZARD SUPPORT  
9 SYSTEM USING SATELLITE SURVEILLANCE, IS AN OPTION FOR EARLY  
10 DETECTION OF FIRES. THIS SYSTEM USES DATA FROM GEOSYNCHRONOUS  
11 SATELLITES OPERATED IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE. WE FOUND  
12 IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES THAT OPPORTUNITIES  
13 EXIST FOR CIVILIAN APPLICATIONS OF THE INFRARED DATA STREAM.  
14 THE DETECTION SYSTEM WAS SUCCESSFULLY TESTED IN LOS ANGELES  
15 COUNTY DURING THE EARLY 1990S BUT THE TEST WAS SUSPENDED AFTER  
16 ONE YEAR BECAUSE OF CERTAIN FUNDING RESTRAINTS. THE SYSTEM  
17 STILL REPRESENTS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A PILOT PROJECT IN LOS  
18 ANGELES COUNTY. THERE ARE AVAILABLE GROUND-BASED SENSOR  
19 SYSTEMS CAPABLE OF AUTOMATED FIRE DETECTION AND LOCATION OF  
20 FIRES. BOTH SYSTEMS USE VISUAL SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS. HOWEVER,  
21 THERE ARE INFRARED SENSOR SYSTEMS AS WELL. A LIMITATION OF  
22 THESE GROUND-BASED SYSTEMS IS A POSSIBLE EXTENSIVE NUMBER OF  
23 EQUIPMENT PLACEMENTS THAT WILL BE NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY  
24 BECAUSE OF OUR SIZE AND THE RUGGED TERRAIN. THE GROUND-BASED  
25 SYSTEMS, HOWEVER, ARE VERY EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE TO A



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1 SATELLITE SYSTEM. NOW, ONCE A FIRE IS DETECTED, THE LOS  
2 ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS THE CAPABILITY TO RAPIDLY  
3 RESPOND AND SUPPRESSED WILD LAND FIRES UNDER ALL CONDITIONS.  
4 HELICOPTERS WITH FIRE RETARDANT CAPABILITIES CAN REACH A WILD  
5 LAND FIRE IN THE COUNTY WITHIN 25 MINUTES OF TAKEOFF OR LESS.  
6 THE WORKING GROUP IDENTIFIED AN ADDED CAPABILITY CALLED THE  
7 AVIONICS TERRAIN AWARENESS AND WARNING SYSTEM FOR HELICOPTERS  
8 TO IMPROVE ALL WEATHER 24-HOUR RAPID RESPONSE. ADDITIONALLY,  
9 FOR GROUND-BASED ASSETS, SUCH AS FIRE TRUCKS, AN UPGRADED  
10 AUTOMATIC VEHICLE LOCATOR SYSTEM COULD VERY WELL BE -- COULD  
11 BE USED. THIS CAN DISPATCH THE CLOSEST AVAILABLE UNITS TO  
12 RESPOND TO A FIRE. TODAY, SOME FIRE SUPPRESSION AGENCIES  
13 WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DO HAVE DIFFERENT RULES OF  
14 ENGAGEMENT FOR FIRES, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE CONSISTENT IN THEIR  
15 OWN PARTICULAR MISSION. HOWEVER, ONE COMMON SET OF RULES  
16 WITHIN THE EXTENDED WILD LAND URBAN INTERFACE NEEDS BE  
17 NEGOTIATED AMONG ALL THE AGENCIES TO ASSURE THE RAPID  
18 SUPPRESSION OF A DETECTED FIRE BEFORE IT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO  
19 CAUSE ANY KIND OF EXTENSIVE DAMAGE. AND BASED ON OUR STUDY AND  
20 RESEARCH, OUR SOLUTIONS FOR ESTABLISHING AUTOMATED EARLY  
21 DETECTION SYSTEM AND RAPID ALL WEATHER 24-HOUR RESPONSE TO  
22 SUPPRESS FIRES AND BRUSH FIRES, INCLUDE, OUR RECOMMENDATIONS,  
23 ONE, SURVEILLANCE SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY. THE RECOMMENDATION  
24 HERE IS TO PARTNER WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES IN A PILOT PROGRAM TO  
25 EVALUATE THE ADVANCED HAZARD SUPPORT SYSTEM EMPLOYING



1 SATELLITES FOR EARLY DETECTION AND LOCATION OF WILD LAND  
2 FIRES. WE'LL HAVE TO WORK WITH THE NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL  
3 INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, CIVIL APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE AND OTHER  
4 APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCIES TO SELECT THE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE  
5 SATELLITE DATA FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES  
6 AND THEN TO SEND AN ALARM UPON DETECTION OF A FIRE, WE HOPE  
7 UNDER THE COMING 2010 FIRE SEASON. NUMBER TWO, FOR GROUND-  
8 BASED SENSOR TECHNOLOGY, OUR RECOMMENDATION IS THE FOLLOWING.  
9 TASK THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT A  
10 FIELD TEST OF GROUND-BASED VISUAL SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS AND  
11 INFRARED DETECTION SENSORS TO IDENTIFY SUITABLE TECHNOLOGY  
12 THAT MEETS THE COUNTY'S GEOGRAPHIC AND OPERATIONAL NEEDS. OUR  
13 THIRD RECOMMENDATION IS RAPID FIRE SUPPRESSION. WE RECOMMEND  
14 YOU CHARGE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO EVALUATE  
15 IMPROVED HELICOPTER AVIONICS AND AN UPDATED AUTOMATED VEHICLE  
16 LOCATOR SYSTEM FOR IMPROVED RAPID RESPONSE AND SUPPRESSION OF  
17 FIRES. OUR FOURTH RECOMMENDATION INVOLVES COORDINATION OF ALL  
18 AGENCIES. THE RECOMMENDATION IS CREATE A TASK FORCE CONSISTING  
19 OF ALL FIRE AGENCIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO AGREE UPON ONE  
20 COMMON SET OF RULES OF ENGAGEMENT FOR SUPPRESSING FIRES IN THE  
21 EXTENDED URBAN INTERFACE. WE BELIEVE THAT WITH THE  
22 IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, THE LOS ANGELES  
23 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER COORDINATING FIRE AGENCIES  
24 WILL BE ABLE TO MORE EFFECTIVELY COMBAT AND ULTIMATELY PREVENT  
25 THE GROWTH OF WILD LAND FIRES IGNITED WITHIN THE COUNTY AND



1 NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES. ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
2 ANGELES QUALITY PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION, I WANT TO THANK THE  
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND PARTICULARLY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
4 FOR INVITING THE COMMISSION TO PRESENT THE RESULTS OF OUR  
5 BOARD STUDY ON EARLY DETECTION AND RAPID SUPPRESSION. WE'RE  
6 VERY PLEASED TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND LOOK  
7 FORWARD TO CONTINUING WORK WITH THE COMMISSION IN A POSITIVE  
8 WAY. WE ARE HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE THEM.

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR? I KNOW MIKE PROBABLY HAS A LOT. YOU  
11 MADE A COMMENT EARLY ON, AL, ABOUT SOME TEST THAT WAS  
12 SUSPENDED DUE TO SOME FINANCIAL REASON. THAT CERTAINLY NEVER  
13 CAME BEFORE THE BOARD. THIS BOARD NEVER VOTED TO SUSPEND ANY  
14 TESTING, SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ISSUE WAS, WHETHER THE  
15 DEPARTMENT MADE THE DIRECT DECISION TO SUSPEND TESTING, BUT  
16 CERTAINLY THIS BOARD DIDN'T.

17

18 **ALGIRD LEIGA:** I UNDERSTAND. THE BOARD DID NOT MAKE THE  
19 DECISION. ACTUALLY, IT WAS THAT FEDERAL AGENCIES CUT OFF  
20 FUNDING FOR IT. SO IT WAS DONE FOR YOU. AT THE TIME --

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT I MEAN, IT WAS NEVER BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION.

23

24 **ALGIRD LEIGA:** I DON'T THINK IT WAS. AT THE TIME OF COURSE, THE  
25 IDEA WAS THAT CELL PHONES ARE COMING INTO USE, AND THEY



1 FIGURED WELL, GEE, A LOT OF THOSE FIRES MIGHT BE CAUGHT BY  
2 SOME PEOPLE CALLING IT IN. THAT MAY VERY WELL BE TRUE, BUT THE  
3 FEW PERCENT THAT ARE NOT CAUGHT THAT WAY CAN CREATE A REAL  
4 PROBLEM.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, I UNDERSTAND. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WANT TO THANK THE COMMISSION, FIRE  
9 DEPARTMENT FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE STUDY, AND I HAVE A MOTION  
10 CO-AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY THAT WE WOULD -- THAT  
11 THE STUDY, WHICH INCLUDED COMMISSION MEMBERS, THE FIRE  
12 DEPARTMENT AND THE C.I.O., THE STUDY WORKING GROUP DID  
13 EXTENSIVE RESEARCH, CONSULTED WITH VENDORS AND CONTACTED  
14 VARIOUS FIRE PROFESSIONALS AND ANALYZED THAT INFORMATION. THEY  
15 FOUND THERE ARE VARIOUS OPTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR EARLY  
16 DETECTION AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PILOT TESTS IN THE COUNTY,  
17 INCLUDING SURVEILLANCE SATELLITE AND GROUND-BASED SENSOR  
18 TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE OUR FIRE FIGHTING CAPABILITIES AND THE  
19 UPDATED HELICOPTER TECHNOLOGY AND AUTOMATED VEHICLE LOCATOR  
20 SYSTEMS THAT ARE AVAILABLE. AND WE WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD  
21 DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO SEND A COPY OF THE REPORT TO EACH OF OUR  
22 COUNTY'S FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND A 5-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE  
23 CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES ASKING THAT THEY EXPLORE THE  
24 POSSIBILITY OF A PILOT PROGRAM TO EVALUATE THE ABILITY OF THE





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1 -- THE SATELLITE FOR EARLY DETECTION AND LOCATION OF WILD LAND  
2 FIRES ON FEDERAL LAND WITHIN OUR COUNTY.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER QUESTION OR COMMENT?

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU GUYS.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** REALLY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR REPORT. WE  
9 APPRECIATE ALL THE DILIGENCE AND THE WORK OF PUTTING THAT  
10 TOGETHER. SO WE ACCEPT THE REPORT AND AS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
11 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IS THERE ANY  
12 OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN.

13

14 **ALGIRD LEIGA:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE'LL GO BACK TO OUR AGENDA, AND WE ARE  
17 NOW ON NO. 20? IS THAT CORRECT? ITEM 20? MR. SACHS, I  
18 UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HELD ITEM 20 AND 21. I DON'T KNOW, IS DR.  
19 CLAVREUL STILL HERE? NO? YOU ALSO HELD ITEM CS-2 AND CS-3.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. ARNOLD SACHS. ITEM 20,  
22 FOR THIS ENERGY PROGRAM, I WAS WONDERING, THE AMOUNT OF MONEY  
23 PAID FOR THE -- TO OPERATE THE PROGRAM, I BELIEVE SOMEWHERE  
24 THAT CAME UP, HOW MUCH MONEY WAS GOING TO BE PAID FOR THE  
25 ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM TO BE HELD. IT DOESN'T SAY -- IT



1 JUST SAID A PORTION OF IT TO BE HELD ADMINISTRATIVE FEES.  
2 THAT'S WHAT I WAS WONDERING ON ITEM NUMBER 20 THAT'S REGARDING  
3 THE ENERGY PROGRAM. ITEM 21, MY QUESTION IS, WITH THESE BACK  
4 PROPERTY TAXES AND THE SALE OF THIS PROPERTY, THERE WAS AN  
5 ARTICLE IN THE "L.A. TIMES," I BELIEVE, THAT A STATE  
6 LEGISLATOR WANTS TO CLOSE A LOOPHOLE IN THE PROP 13 LAW THAT  
7 SAID THAT IF NOT A MAJORITY OWNER, BUT IF A PROPERTY IS SOLD  
8 BUT THE NEW OWNER IS NOT LISTED AS MAJORITY, THEN THE TAX RATE  
9 ON THE PROPERTY DOESN'T CHANGE. AND SO I WAS WONDERING IF THAT  
10 AFFECTED ANY OF THESE COUNTY COMMISSIONS AND SOMETHING LIKE  
11 THIS WITH THE CITY OF CALABASAS, BACK PROPERTY TAXES, DO THEY  
12 HAVE A PROBLEM WITH PROPERTY CHANGING HANDS WITHIN THIS  
13 LOOPHOLE THAT OCCURS IN PROP 13 AND WHAT THE STANDING IS IF  
14 THE COUNTY WOULD SEND A 5-LETTER -- A 5-SIGNATURE LETTER TO  
15 THE STATE ASKING TO CLOSE THAT LOOPHOLE THAT ALLOWS  
16 CORPORATIONS TO SHUFFLE OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY WITHOUT THE  
17 PROPERTY TAX BEING INCREASED. THAT'S WHAT I HAD ON ITEM 21.  
18 CS-2, YOU'RE CONSIDERING THE CANDIDATE FOR THE DIRECTOR OF  
19 HEALTH SERVICES. AND I WAS JUST WONDERING, WITH THIS CANDIDATE  
20 BEING CONSIDERED, ARE THEY ALSO AWARE OF SOME OF THE  
21 SITUATIONS THAT ARE OCCURRING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
22 SERVICES? IS IT BROUGHT TO BEAR A FEW OF THE SITUATIONS THAT  
23 HAVE OCCURRED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES WHEN THESE  
24 PEOPLE ARE BROUGHT IN, OR DO THEY LEARN ABOUT THIS ANCHOR  
25 AFTER THEY GET HIRED, THAT THEY'RE PULLING THIS WEIGHT THAT



1 HAS TO BE NAVIGATED? I'M JUST WONDERING HOW THAT WORKS FOR THE  
2 COUNTY'S BOARD. AND ITEM CS-3, OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER, THE  
3 ASSURANCE REVIEWS RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF CARE. AGAIN, WE  
4 HAD A SITUATION WITH M.L.K. AND THE HEALTH DIRECTOR, THE  
5 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES IN HIS METRO PLAN ASSURING THE  
6 COUNTY BOARD THAT THE METRO PLAN WAS MOVING FORWARD, THAT THE  
7 REVIEW OF THE EMPLOYEES WAS OCCURRING. AND YET AFTER HE LEFT  
8 HIS POSITION, IT CAME TO LIGHT THAT NUMEROUS MEMBERS OF THE  
9 M.L.K. HOSPITAL STAFF, OF THE NURSING STAFF, WERE UNQUALIFIED,  
10 DID NOT MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS. SO I WAS WONDERING, ARE WE  
11 GETTING THE SAME KIND OF QUALITY ASSURANCES FOR OLIVE VIEW  
12 MEDICAL STAFF AS WE GOT FOR M.L.K.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT, MR. SACHS. ALL  
15 RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF THE ITEMS BEFORE US. I'M GOING TO  
16 TURN TO MR. -- SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR HIS SPECIALS.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CHAIR, WE NEED TO APPROVE ITEM 20 AND 21.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OH, THAT'S RIGHT. THE OTHER TWO WERE  
21 CLOSED SESSION. ITEMS 20 AND 21 ARE BEFORE US. MOVED BY  
22 MYSELF, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION,  
23 SO ORDERED.

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25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE A COUPLE OF  
3 ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL, THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
4 ROBERT EDDINGTON, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 16. HE SERVED IN THE  
5 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND RETIRED FROM BOEING AFTER 39  
6 YEARS. HE SERVED AS THE RETIREE PRESIDENT THE U.A.W. FOR SIX  
7 YEARS. HE ENJOYED HIS FAMILY AND BEING WITH HIS FAMILY AND  
8 RIDING THEIR SEA-DOO AT LAKE HAVASU. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
9 WIFE, BARBARA; THEIR THREE CHILDREN, VICTORIA, JUDY AND GARY;  
10 SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, ONE GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER, AND TWO SISTERS.  
11 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF KEN TATE, A LONGTIME  
12 RESIDENT OF THE OF LAKEWOOD. HE WAS BORN IN LOS ANGELES. IN  
13 1982, HE RECEIVED THIS DEGREE IN HORTICULTURE FROM PIERCE  
14 COLLEGE IN WOODLAND HILLS. 1982, HE WORKED FOR THE CITY OF  
15 LAKEWOOD AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES SUPERVISOR AND WORKED  
16 FOR THE RECREATION COMMUNITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT FOR OVER 10  
17 YEARS. HE WORKED FOR THE CITY OF CERRITOS FOR 15 YEARS AS PARK  
18 SUPERVISOR, THEN RETURNED TO LAKEWOOD AS PARK SUPERINTENDENT  
19 IN 1997. HE ENJOYED SPENDING TIME WITH HIS GRANDCHILDREN,  
20 GARDENING, SURFING, COLLECTING MODEL WOODY CARS AND FISHING.  
21 HE WILL BE MISSED BY MANY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 39  
22 YEARS, JANICE; THREE CHILDREN, EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE  
23 MY ADJOURNMENTS, MADAM CHAIR.

24



1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

2    SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR YOUR SPECIALS.

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4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENTS.

5    RAYMOND PHILLIP RISHER, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. HE

6    WAS THE OTHER RISHER MONTEBELLO MORTUARY, WHICH HAD BEEN

7    ESTABLISHED IN 1959. ALSO HAD BEEN PAST PRESIDENT OF THE

8    MONTEBELLO ROTARY CLUB, THE L.A. COUNTY FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S

9    ASSOCIATION, INVOLVED WITH THE BEVERLY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION AND

10    ACTIVE IN THE HI TWELVE DOWNEY ELK'S LODGE IN

11    EVERETT/MONTEBELLO, WHITTIER MASONIC LODGE AND VETERAN OF

12    WORLD WAR II, WHO SERVED IN THE 486TH BOMB SQUAD ABOARD THE B-

13    25 BOMBER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON, ROBERT; AND DAUGHTER,

14    BARBARA. ORVILLE LYNNE DOTHAGE, JR., WHO WORKED FOR LOCKHEED

15    FOR 37 YEARS ON THE L-1011, THE TRI-STAR, SR-71 AND THE F-117

16    JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CLAUDIA; AND

17    HIS SONS, ORVILLE AND DOUGLAS; AND DAUGHTER, DEBORAH. VIRGINIA

18    LOPEZ PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83. SHE STARTED WORK WITH

19    VALLEY FEDERAL SAVINGS AS A TELLER AND THEN MOVED UP INTO

20    MANAGEMENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY. SHE WAS ALSO

21    PAST PRESIDENT OF THE SAN FERNANDO BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL

22    WOMEN'S CLUB, WOMAN OF THE YEAR. IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY,

23    LATER SERVED ON THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND PRESIDENT OF THE

24    SOROPTIMIST CLUB AND WAS COMMISSIONER TO THE CONVENTION CENTER

25    FOR LOS ANGELES. GERALD, "JERRY" MCLAUGHLIN, QUARTZ HILL, A



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1 MEMBER IN THE KOREAN CONFLICT, WITH THE 187TH AIRBORNE UNIT.  
2 AFTER THE KOREAN WAR, HE SETTLED IN QUARTZ HILL, WENT TO NIGHT  
3 SCHOOL, OBTAINED HIS CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE IN 1968 AND THEN  
4 BECAME ONE OF THE LARGEST GENERAL CONTRACTORS IN THE ANTELOPE  
5 VALLEY WHERE THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF HIS BUILDINGS BUILT BY HIS  
6 FIRM. ROSS BARRETT, A REAL GOOD MAN, A GOOD FRIEND, PASSED  
7 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 99. HE SPENT THE LAST 25 YEARS OF HIS  
8 BUSINESS CAREER AS THE EXECUTIVE OF METROMEDIA, A MEDIA  
9 ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY THAT OWNED AND OPERATED 21 TELEVISION  
10 AND RADIO STATIONS ALONG AS BEING FOSTER & KLEISER, WHERE HE  
11 WAS PRESIDENT. DURING WORLD WAR II, HE SERVED IN THE UNITED  
12 STATES NAVY AND ALSO IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE  
13 NAVY. AND HE WAS QUITE INVOLVED WITH THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB,  
14 CLAREMONT GRADUATE UNIVERSITY'S BOARD MEMBER EMERITUS. HE IS  
15 SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, LYNN; AND HIS SON, BUCKLEY. HAROLD  
16 BUFFINTON CROSSLEY, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. HE  
17 SERVED IN WORLD WAR II, MARRIED HIS HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART  
18 AFTER THE WAR. AFTER GRADUATING IN 1949 FROM COLLEGE, HE MOVED  
19 HIS FAMILY TO WASHINGTON, D.C., WHERE HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE  
20 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. LATER HE WORKED FOR SEVERAL  
21 INSURANCE COMPANIES AND THEN MADE HIS CAREER IN POLITICAL  
22 PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PRINT JOURNALISM, WHERE HE WAS PRESENTED  
23 AS PRESS SECRETARY. HE SERVED AS AN AIDE TO REPRESENTATIVES ON  
24 THE L.A. CITY COUNCIL, THE STATE ASSEMBLY AND THE STATE  
25 SENATE, ACTIVE IN THE MASONIC LODGE, THE SHRINER'S, THE



1 HARVARD CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AN ACCREDITED MEMBER OF  
2 THE PUBLIC RELATIONS SOCIETY OF AMERICA. HE ALSO SERVED AS  
3 PAST PRESIDENT OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY PUBLIC RELATIONS  
4 ROUNDTABLE. HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE L.A. PRESS CLUB.  
5 JIM STIVERS, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90, A VOLUNTEER WITH  
6 THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES FOR OVER 50 YEARS. HE JOINED  
7 THAT BACK IN 1957 WHERE HE WAS THE DIRECTOR, RETIRED IN 1985  
8 AS AN HONORARY LIFE DIRECTOR. MOISHE ROSEN, PASTOR, PASSED  
9 AWAY ON MAY 19 AT THE AGE OF 78. FRANKLIN OAKDEN, RETIRED  
10 SERGEANT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. RICHARD  
11 POLLACK, RETIRED SERGEANT FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
12 DEPARTMENT, HE SERVED FOR OVER 30 YEARS. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENTS  
13 WERE IN MONTROSE AND SAN CLARITA STATIONS. ROBERT ASHLOCK,  
14 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE OF 5TH DISTRICT, WORKED AT ASHLOCK  
15 JANITORIAL AND WAS ALSO A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY.  
16 AND I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE A MOTION. ILLEGAL DUMPING HAS  
17 BEEN A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM IN MANY COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT OUR  
18 COUNTY. APART FROM POSING A DANGER TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
19 SAFETY, IT DECREASES PROPERTY VALUES, LOWERS THE QUALITY OF  
20 LIFE AND CONTRIBUTES TO URBAN BLIGHT. TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM  
21 IN JULY 2004, OUR BOARD ADOPTED AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER  
22 13.80 OF THE COUNTY CODE, AUTHORIZING THE SEIZURE AND  
23 FORFEITURE OF VEHICLES USED IN ILLEGAL DUMPING. HOWEVER, THE  
24 RULING OF THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME IN O'CONNELL VERSUS CITY OF  
25 STOCKTON CAST A DOUBT ON THE ENFORCEABILITY OF OUR ILLEGAL





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1 DUMPING ORDINANCE BECAUSE THE COURT FOUND THAT ANY LOCAL LAW  
2 WHICH CONFLICTS WITH ANY COMPREHENSIVE REGULATORY SCHEME SET  
3 FORTH BY VEHICLE CODE IS PREEMPTED AND THE STATE LAW WOULD  
4 PREVAIL. HOWEVER THE GOVERNOR HAS RECENTLY SIGNED INTO LAW  
5 VEHICLE CODE SECTION 22659.5, WHICH TOOK EFFECT IN JANUARY OF  
6 THIS YEAR THAT PROVIDES LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE ADOPTION  
7 OF LOCAL ORDINANCE, THE AUTHORITY TO IMPOUND VEHICLES USED IN  
8 THE COURSE OF ILLEGAL DUMPING UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. SO  
9 I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO WORK WITH  
10 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND  
11 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ILLEGAL DUMPING TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE  
12 NEW VEHICLE CODE AND IT'S APPLICABILITY TO THE COUNTY OF LOS  
13 ANGELES WITH A REPORT BACK IN FOUR WEEKS. SO THIS IS A REPORT  
14 BACK IN FOUR WEEKS TO THE BOARD.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION ON THAT?  
17 IF NOT, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM, AND SO ORDERED ON THOSE  
18 ADJOURNMENTS. I HAVE AN ADJOURNMENT THAT I'D LIKE TO ASK ALL  
19 MEMBERS TO JOIN WITH ME. IT'S VERY SAD. AND THAT IS WE ADJOURN  
20 IN THE MEMORY OF CINTHYA FELIX. SHE PASSED AWAY OVER THE  
21 WEEKEND IN A VERY TRAGIC AUTO ACCIDENT. CINTHYA WAS ON  
22 EXTRAORDINARY FOUR-TIME COUNTY COMMISSION, WOMEN'S COUNTY  
23 COMMISSION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT. SHE WAS BELOVED BY HER  
24 COMMISSIONERS, WHO WERE DEVASTATED BY THIS LOSS. CINTHYA'S  
25 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS WERE FLAWLESS. SHE GRADUATED FROM



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1 GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AND U.C.L.A. WITH TOP HONORS AND SHE WAS  
2 A PREMED STUDENT AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. SHE WAS THE DAUGHTER  
3 OF IMMIGRANTS AND SHE MADE IT HER LIFE'S MISSION TO HELP  
4 OTHERS SURMOUNT HARDSHIPS AS SHE DID TO ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS.  
5 AT COLLEGE AND WITHIN HER COMMUNITY, SHE FOUGHT HARD FOR THE  
6 DREAM ACT, WHICH WOULD HAVE PROVIDED LEGAL RESIDENCY FOR  
7 UNDOCUMENTED COLLEGE STUDENTS. CINTHYA KNEW FIRSTHAND THE  
8 DIFFICULTIES FACED BY CHILDREN OF IMMIGRANTS. SHE WAS  
9 DETERMINED TO BECOME A PHYSICIAN AND RETURN TO HER COMMUNITY  
10 TO IMPROVE HEALTHCARE FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS. OUR  
11 COMMISSION IS HOPING TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP IN CINTHYA'S  
12 NAME TO HONOR HER LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. TODAY WE  
13 HONOR CINTHYA'S PATRIOTISM, HER ACTIVISM AND HER TREMENDOUS  
14 HEART. WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO ALL OF HER FAMILY,  
15 AS WELL AS HER FRIENDS AND FELLOW STUDENTS. SO IF WE COULD ASK  
16 EVERYONE TO JOIN US ON THAT. IT'S A TRAGIC LOSS. ALL RIGHT. SO  
17 ORDERED ON THAT ADJOURNMENT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOUR  
18 SPECIALS.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR,  
21 COLLEAGUES. PERMIT ME TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF GOLDIE KEA,  
22 BORN JULY 26, 1928, IN MARTINSVILLE, LOUISIANA, AND PASSED ON  
23 MAY 13, 2010, AT THE AGE OF 81. SHE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES  
24 IN THE 1940S AND WORKED DILIGENTLY TO RAISE HER TWO DAUGHTERS  
25 AS A SINGLE MOTHER. SHE WORKED AS A HOUSEKEEPER THROUGHOUT HER



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1 LIFE, OFTEN CLEANING THE HOMES OF CELEBRITIES TO PROVIDE FOR  
2 HER CHILDREN. SHE WAS A DEVOUT CATHOLIC WHO PASSED HER FAITH  
3 ON TO HER FAMILY'S FUTURE GENERATIONS. SHE WAS WELL KNOWN FOR  
4 HER CREOLE COOKING, AND OFTEN HAD VISITORS TO COME BY TO ENJOY  
5 IT. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FONDLY FOR HER BIG HEART, WHICH  
6 ALLOWED HER TO GIVE TO ANYONE IN NEED. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH  
7 HER MEMORY HER DAUGHTERS, JACKIE AND HATTIE; THREE  
8 GRANDCHILDREN, NICOLE, ERIN AND ERICA; TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN  
9 AND A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HER DEARLY.  
10 GOLDIE KEA, MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THOSE ARE ALL YOUR ADJOURNMENTS?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** INDEED.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THAT. SUPERVISOR  
17 YAROSLAVSKY, YOUR SPECIALS.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN  
24 IN THE MEMORY OF NEAL SZATMARY, WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HE  
25 IS SURVIVED BY HIS BROTHER, ARMIN, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF OUR



1 DISTRICT AND A MEMBER OF THE TEMPLE ISRAEL OF HOLLYWOOD BOARD  
2 OF TRUSTEES. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIM AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS.  
3 SECONDLY ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DR. LESTER  
4 BERKOW, A RETIRED PHYSICIAN FROM A DISTINGUISHED FAMILY LINE  
5 OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS ON THE EAST COAST WHO RECENTLY PASSED  
6 AWAY FROM PANCREATIC CANCER AT THE AGE OF 74. HE'S SURVIVED BY  
7 HIS WIFE OF 49 YEARS, RHODA; A SISTER, IRENE HUTT; A SON, SAM  
8 BERKOW; A DAUGHTER, JOANNE SCHWARTZ; ALSO THREE GRANDCHILDREN,  
9 ANDREW, ELIZABETH, AND KAYDEN. FROM ALL OF LOS ANGELES, THOSE  
10 ARE MY TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THOSE ARE ALL THE ITEMS. WE  
17 HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. WE HAVE WINNIE TIN, IF THEY'D JOIN US,  
18 RONALD COLLINS, JUDY REDMOND, FOLLOWED BY CARMEN IMACELLA. IS  
19 JUDY REDMOND HERE? PLEASE COME UP. RONALD COLLINS? WINNIE TIN?

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21 **WINNIE TIN:** YES.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU'RE HERE. AND CARMEN IMACELLA. MISS  
24 IMACELLA WILL NEED A SPANISH TRANSLATOR. ALL RIGHT. WHY DON'T  
25 YOU BEGIN, MISS -- IS IT MISS TIN?



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1  
2 **WINNIE TIN:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, ALL OF THE COUNTY  
3 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS WINNIE TIN. I WAS ORIGINALLY FROM  
4 CHINA 15 YEARS AGO AS A STUDENT AND GOT AN M.B.A. IN THIS  
5 COUNTRY. TODAY I CAME OVER HERE, I NEEDED TO GET A  
6 SUPERVISOR'S ATTENTION BECAUSE MY SON IS GOING TO BE PUT INTO  
7 ADOPTION. I BELIEVE THAT WAS HAPPENED BECAUSE MY EX-BOYFRIEND  
8 -- WAS INVOLVED WITH INFLUENCE THE SOCIAL WORKER. AND  
9 PREVIOUSLY, I HAVE CONTACTED SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH'S  
10 OFFICE ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO. BUT HOWEVER, EVERY TIME WHEN I TRY  
11 TO CONTACT -- AND SET UP AN APPOINTMENT, NO APPOINTMENT HAS  
12 EVER BEEN SET UP. FROM DAY ONE, THE SOCIAL WORKER FILED FALSE  
13 DOCUMENTATION TO THE COURT, CLAIMED I HAD HALLUCINATIONS AND  
14 AUDITORY HALLUCINATIONS AND PUT MY SON INTO A FOSTER HOME.  
15 NEXT COURT HEARING, THE SOCIAL WORKER IS GOING TO REQUEST TO  
16 PUT MY SON INTO ADOPTION. I HAD A REQUEST SO MANY TIMES, I  
17 WOULD LIKE TO SWITCH SOCIAL WORKER TO SEE IF THEY CAN MOVE MY  
18 CASE OUT OF ASIAN/PACIFIC UNIT. HOWEVER, FOR TWO YEARS, NOBODY  
19 EVER GET BACK TO ME, AND THEY CLAIM THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE  
20 ON MY CASE FOR DIFFERENT REASONS. I DON'T KNOW IF MY CASE HAS  
21 BEEN WELL KNOWN WITH COUNTY SUPERVISORS OFFICE UP TO TODAY'S  
22 DATE. ... (VOICE WAVERING) ... AND I BELIEVE MY PHONE HAS A  
23 TRACING DEVICE. YESTERDAY, WHEN I WENT TO THE EXECUTIVE  
24 DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, I WAS BY MYSELF AROUND FIVE O'CLOCK. I  
25 DIDN'T NOTIFY ANYBODY. THIS MORNING, WHEN I WAS SITTING IN THE

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1 AUDIENCE SEAT, HELEN BABERIAN FROM SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S  
2 OFFICE AND ARMOND MONTEL FROM D.C.F.S. JUST APPROACHED ME,  
3 WANTED TO TALK TO ME BEFORE I SPOKE TO SUPERVISORS. NOW I  
4 THINK THE FIVE SUPERVISORS KNOW MY CASE NOW. I WANTED TO KNOW  
5 IF THERE'S ANY HELP, ASSISTANCE, THE SUPERVISORS CAN GIVE TO  
6 ME. I'M A GOOD PERSON. I'VE GOT MY MASTER'S DEGREE. I WORKED  
7 AS A PROFESSIONAL. MY PARENTS ARE WILLING TO RAISE MY SON AND  
8 I'M WILLING TO RAISE MY SON. I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING BAD  
9 ENOUGH TO ALLOW A SOCIAL WORKER TO PUT MY SON INTO ADOPTION.  
10 MAY I ASK SUPERVISOR TO INVESTIGATE MY CASE? AND ALSO, MAY I  
11 ASK, CAN YOU HELP--

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE WILL HAVE SOMEBODY ASSIST YOU IN A FEW  
14 MINUTES. IF YOU WOULD STEP OVER TO THE SIDE, WE WILL FIND  
15 SOMEONE TO HELP YOU IN A FEW MINUTES.

16

17 **WINNIE TIN:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS REDMOND.

20

21 **JUDY REDMOND:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JUDY REDMOND, A  
22 VOLUNTEER MEMBER OF THE BUS RIDERS UNION PLANNING COMMITTEE  
23 AND A FASTER FOR JUSTICE. I'VE BEEN LIVING IN A TENT AND  
24 FASTING FOR SIX DAYS NOW. WHY? IT'S MY WAY OF PHYSICALLY  
25 QUESTIONING THE MORAL FIBER OF THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE M.T.A.



1 WHO WANT TO RAISE BUS FARES AND CUT SERVICE HOURS. HOW CAN YOU  
2 SLEEP AT NIGHT KNOWING THAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO CHALLENGE THE  
3 LIVELIHOOD AND CAUSE MENTAL ANGUISH TO THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY  
4 CHALLENGED? HOW CAN YOU KNOWINGLY HARM THOSE IN NEED DURING A  
5 UNIVERSAL TIME OF NEED? RAISING FARES AT THIS TIME IS MORALLY  
6 IRRESPONSIBLE. CUTTING BUS SERVICE IS MORALLY REPREHENSIBLE.  
7 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU COMMENTED AFTER AN M.T.A.  
8 BOARD MEETING THAT A PUBLIC HEARING IS NOT ONLY IN THE SPIRIT  
9 OF THE LAW BUT THE LETTER OF THE LAW. WHERE IS THAT SPIRIT  
10 NOW? FOR ME, AN UNEMPLOYED BLACK WOMAN, THE IDEA OF RAISING  
11 FARES CRUSHES MY SPIRIT. UNEMPLOYMENT DOESN'T COVER MY RENT,  
12 BUT THANKS TO THE POWERS THAT BE, I WAS ABLE TO NEGOTIATE WITH  
13 MY LANDLORD. BUT THAT DOES NOT WORK WITH GROCERY STORES, NOR  
14 WITH TAP VENDING MACHINES. I AM FERVENTLY LOOKING FOR WORK,  
15 BUT CANNOT AFFORD A MONTHLY PASS LET ALONE AN INCREASE IN  
16 FARES. WITH THE FARE HIKE AND COST INCREASES IN EVERY OTHER  
17 NECESSITY OF MY LIFE, I AM NOT JUST MAKING A GESTURE OF  
18 SOLIDARITY TO THOSE STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET WITH THE  
19 HOMELESS, WITH THOSE WHO HAVE LOST HOPE, I WILL BECOME ONE OF  
20 THEM. MY EXPERIENCE IN ROSA PARK TENT CITY MAY SOON BECOME A  
21 REALITY FOR ME AND MANY OF MY BLACK AND LATINO BROTHERS AND  
22 SISTERS. I PRAY THAT THE M.T.A. BOARD LOOKS DEEP INTO ITS SOUL  
23 AND STOPS THE FARE HIKE. I PRAY FOR ALL OF US HERE TODAY AND  
24 FOR THOSE WHO MIGHT BE LIVING IN TENT CITIES TOMORROW. THANK  
25 YOU.





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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. COLLINS.

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4 **RONALD COLLINS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RONALD COLLINS. I'M  
5 A COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT, MEMBER OF THE BUS RIDER'S UNIT  
6 AND A FASTER FOR JUSTICE. FOR THE PAST SIX DAYS WE'VE BEEN  
7 CAMPED OUT FASTING IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE A STATEMENT TO THE  
8 M.T.A. BOARD ABOUT THE CONDITIONS THAT AN INCREASE IN FARES  
9 WILL FORCE UPON WORKING CLASS COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. BY AND  
10 LARGE, THE BOARD HAS CHOSEN TO TURN A DEAF EAR AND A BLIND EYE  
11 TO OUR ACTION. EVEN THOUGH WE SIT LESS THAN A MILE AWAY FROM  
12 THIS OFFICE AND DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM M.T.A.  
13 HEADQUARTERS, NONE OF OUR CIVIL SERVANTS HAVE COME TO ADDRESS  
14 THE CONDITIONS THAT THEY ARE IMPOSING UPON US. AS A COMMUNITY  
15 COLLEGE STUDENT, I AM BEING FACED WITH BUDGET CUTS, RISING  
16 TUITION COSTS, AND AN INCREASE IN THE COST OF BOOKS. THOUGH  
17 THE STUDENT PASS IS NOT GOING UP, ANY INCREASE IN FARES WILL  
18 DIRECTLY AFFECT THE STUDENT COMMUNITY. WE DO NOT LIVE IN A  
19 VACUUM AND AS SUCH, THE FAMILIES THAT SUPPORT US WILL BE  
20 FORCED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN BUYING THEIR OWN BUS PASSES AND  
21 GIVING THEIR STUDENTS MONEY FOR LUNCH. I URGE THIS BOARD TO DO  
22 ALL THEY CAN TO HELP THE WORKING CLASS COMMUNITIES OF COLOR  
23 AND JOIN US IN OUR FIGHT TO STOP M.T.A.'S FARE INCREASE. EACH  
24 OF YOU BOARD MEMBERS HAVE THE POWER TO BE MAJOR OPPONENTS OF  
25 THIS FARE INCREASE AND WE IMPLORE YOU TO DO SO. OUR



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1 COMMUNITIES HAVE NOT SEEN AN INCREASE IN OUR BUDGETS THE WAY  
2 THAT M.T.A. HAS, AND TO EXPLOIT OR COMMUNITIES IN THIS WAY IS  
3 UNACCEPTABLE. I WISH TO IMPRESS UPON YOU THAT THE BOARD  
4 DECISIONS MADE HERE AND AT M.T.A. HAVE A VERY HUMAN IMPACT ON  
5 OUR COMMUNITIES. WE SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY MORE FOR OUR  
6 BUS SERVICE. THE M.T.A. JUST APPROVED A \$25 MILLION STUDY ON  
7 THE SUBWAY TO THE SEA. THAT SAME \$25 MILLION COULD BE USED TO  
8 PUT A STOP TO THIS FARE INCREASE. BY INCREASING OUR FARES, YOU  
9 ARE FORCING OUR PEOPLE TO ENDURE UNNECESSARY HARDSHIPS. I URGE  
10 YOU TO DO ALL YOU CAN TO PROTECT THE RIGHT OF OUR COMMUNITIES  
11 TO HAVE AN AFFORDABLE PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM. THIS BAG OF FOOD  
12 IS JUST AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT WILL BE TAKEN FROM OUR COMMUNITIES  
13 SHOULD OUR FARES BE INCREASED. WE PRESENT IT TO YOU IN HOPES  
14 THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT A STROKE OF YOUR PEN COULD MEAN  
15 TAKING FOOD OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF THE VERY ANGELINOS WHO  
16 ELECTED YOU. THANK YOU.

17  
18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

19  
20 **CARMEN IMACELLA:** I'M GOING TO TRY MYSELF TO TALK, TO SPEAK.  
21 GOOD EVENING WITH EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS CARMEN, AND THE LAST  
22 NAME, IMACELLA. I COME FROM SOUTH AMERICA. THE REASON WHY I AM  
23 HERE IS FOR EXPLAIN TO YOU THINGS I AM HERE. I COME FROM MY  
24 COUNTRY, I AM A TEACHER IN MY COUNTRY. I COME HERE TO BE  
25 ANOTHER GOOD FUTURE. MY HUSBAND, HE PASSED AWAY. I HAVE THREE



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1 CHILD AND THIS IS THE REASON I COME IN HERE TO THIS COUNTRY,  
2 TO GIVE A GOOD EDUCATION. SO WHAT'S HAPPENING IS HERE IN THIS  
3 COUNTRY, MYSELF, I TRY TO BE A GOOD CITIZEN, LIKE MY PARENTS,  
4 GIVE A GOOD EXAMPLE. SO MYSELF, I WORK, SOMETIMES THREE  
5 SHIFTS, AND SOMETIMES TWO SHIFTS. MY CHILDREN, WHEN MY HUSBAND  
6 PASSED AWAY, I LEAVE WITH MY MOTHER. FOR COMING HERE, TO  
7 IMMIGRATE TO MY CHILDREN AND WORK HARD. MYSELF, NEVER I RUN IN  
8 THE STREETS EITHER AND THE POLICE. I TRY TO BE OUT FROM  
9 ANYTHING DANGEROUS. SO WHAT'S HAPPENED IS MYSELF, I BUY A  
10 HOUSE IN ENGLEWOOD. THIS IS MY DREAM, MY FIRST HOUSE. SO WHEN  
11 WE DON'T HAVE EXPERIENCE, BUT MY FATHER, HE WAS A PERSON,  
12 BUSINESSPERSON, HE SAY, CHILDREN, LOOK AT ME. WATCH ME, NEVER  
13 YOU GUYS WORK FOR NOBODY. ONLY FOR YOURSELF. BUT THEY'RE  
14 WATCHING ME. BUT WHEN WE ARE CHILD, WE NEVER -- SO I'M GOING  
15 TO THE POINT, I BUY THIS HOUSE, WHICH I DIDN'T SEE AROUND THE  
16 NEIGHBORHOOD. I LOOK AT THE HOUSE. BEAUTIFUL. I LIKE THE  
17 OUTSIDE. AND I LIKE INSIDE. AND I BUY THAT HOUSE. WHEN IT WENT  
18 THROUGH, I MOVED MYSELF, AND I START TO LIVE AND I LOOKED  
19 AROUND. IT'S A LOT OF GANG MEMBERS -- THE STREETS. BAD  
20 NEIGHBORHOOD. NOBODY ELSE CAN HELP. I MYSELF BE ATTACKING ME  
21 AND MY CHILDREN, MY FAMILY. I HAVE TWO SISTERS MORE. ONE, I  
22 BRING MY SISTER SHE WAS A TEACHER --  
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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT MISS IMACELLA, PLEASE  
2    GET TO THE POINT. I'M NOT SO SURE WHAT YOU WANT. WHAT DO YOU  
3    NEED FROM US?

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5    **CARMEN IMACELLA:** SO NOW THEY'RE ATTACKING US.

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7    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHO IS ATTACKING YOU?

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9    **CARMEN IMACELLA:** THE GANG MEMBERS.

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11    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THE GANG MEMBERS IN ENGLEWOOD?

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13    **CARMEN IMACELLA:** PARDON ME?

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15    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IN ENGLEWOOD.

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17    **CARMEN IMACELLA:** YES. AND THEY GO OVER TO THE PLACE WHERE  
18    WE'RE WORKING AND THEY SAY, WE ARE A CROOK, THEY PUT IT UPSIDE  
19    DOWN, AND THEY JUMP OVER ALSO TO MY YOUNG SISTER. THEY  
20    ATTACKING, HITTING HER. SHE WAS BLEEDING FROM THE NOSE, FROM  
21    THE EARS, AND--

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23    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO YOU WANT TO HELP  
24    HER?

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1 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: YEAH.

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3 SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU WORK WITH  
4 MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S OFFICE SO THAT HE CAN HELP YOU WITH THIS.

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6 CARMEN IMACELLA: I WRITE TO CHIEF FROM THE POLICE IN LOS  
7 ANGELES TO --

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9 SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: NO. WE CAN'T. ENGLEWOOD IS A DIFFERENT  
10 CITY AND IT CANNOT -- THE LOS ANGELES POLICE CAN'T GO THERE. I  
11 DON'T THINK IT'S A SHERIFF -- IS IT A SHERIFF? THEY HAVE THEIR  
12 OWN DEPARTMENT.

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14 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: YES.

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16 CARMEN IMACELLA: I'M SORRY, I COME A LITTLE BIT LATE, BUT  
17 WHENEVER I SAW IN THE FRONT, YOU SEE FRONT TO YOU, I SAW ON  
18 THE TELEVISION, I SAW MANY IN HERE PERSONS WHICH WERE--

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20 SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: AGAIN, MISS IMACELLA, PLEASE.

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22 CARMEN IMACELLA: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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24 SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: OKAY. WE HAVE SOMEBODY OVER HERE. DOES SHE  
25 SPEAK SPANISH? DO YOU SPEAK SPANISH? YES? NO? OKAY. MAYBE YOU

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1 CAN FIND SOMEONE THAT WILL HELP HER. RIGHT OVER HERE, THEY  
2 WILL HELP YOU.

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4 **CARMEN IMACELLA:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT OVER HERE WITH MISS BARBOSA.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE OSCAR JOHNSON, WE HAVE  
9 KEITH WILKINSON, ARNOLD SACHS, JIM DIMOV, WALTER BECKTEL.  
10 PLEASE COME UP. ALL RIGHT. MR. JOHNSON, DO YOU WANT TO BEGIN?

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12 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** YES. MY NAME IS OSCAR. I SPEAK FOR THE  
13 OPPRESSED, I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND I SPEAK FOR  
14 CULTURAL CHANGE. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK A LITTLE ABOUT ABOUT  
15 RELIGION AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK A LITTLE ABOUT THE SOCIAL  
16 CONDITION, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK A LITTLE ABOUT THE ECONOMIC  
17 CONDITION DURING THIS ECONOMIC COLLAPSE OF AMERICA. I THINK  
18 IT'S TIME FOR AMERICA TO HAVE A RELIGION EDUCATION, A RELIGION  
19 THAT IS PURE. SURELY, A PURE RELIGION IS TO WORSHIP OUR GOD  
20 ONLY. WE NEED TO THANK GOD FOR PRESIDENT BARRACK OBAMA, THANK  
21 GOD FOR HIS WIFE, MS. MICHELLE OBAMA. HIS TIME HASN'T COME  
22 SOON ENOUGH. A RELIGION THAT IS PURE WILL HAVE THE HOLY BOOK,  
23 WE KNOW THE LEADERS THAT KNOW THE HOLY BOOK. YOU NAME FOR  
24 LEADERSHIP AND TRY TO SAVE A FALLEN HUMANITY. WE NEED TO END  
25 POLICE MISCONDUCT. WE SHOULD MAKE OUR POLICEMEN MORE



1 ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS. WE HAVE EUROPEAN POLICEMEN  
2 MURDERING UNARMED BLACK PEOPLE WITHOUT ANY ACCOUNTABILITY. WE  
3 SHOULD HAVE DEATH PENALTY FOR ANY MURDER ON THE OFFENSE IN  
4 AMERICA. THAT'S AMERICA GOVERNMENT. THE AMERICA GOVERNMENT IS  
5 FOUNDED UPON RELIGION AND RELIGION SAYS AN EYE FOR AN EYE, A  
6 TOOTH FOR A TOOTH, THAT THE PUNISHMENT SHOULD FIT THE CRIME.  
7 BUT CERTAIN PART WE WANT TO ACCEPT, ANOTHER PART WE JUST  
8 REJECT. TALK ABOUT LOVE, JESUS SAID LOVE YE ONE ANOTHER AS I  
9 HAVE LOVED YOU. JESUS SAID LOVE THY NEIGHBORS AS THYSELF. A  
10 DISCIPLE SAYS, WHO IS YOUR NEIGHBOR? JESUS SAID ANYONE THAT  
11 COMES NEAR YOU IS YOUR NEIGHBOR. THAT MEANS LOVE EVERYBODY.  
12 BUT IT SEEMS AS THOUGH ESAU'S MESSAGE WAS STOLEN AND JACOB  
13 BROUGHT THE MESSAGE TO THE WORLD. WE SHOULD END THIS DOGMATIC  
14 INHUMAN LEADERSHIP. OUR POLITICIANS HAVE NO SOUL. OUR  
15 POLITICIANS HAVE LIST THEIR SOUL. SOMEBODY SAID IN ORDER TO BE  
16 IN POLITICAL OFFICE, YOU GOT TO HAVE NO SOUL. WE NEED OUR SOUL  
17 TO BE FED. WE BLACK MEN NEED JOBS, WE NEED TO LOOK FOR JOBS.  
18 BLACK MEN JUST STAYS IN THE PARK ON FIFTH STREET AND GLADYS --  
19 FIFTH STREET AND ST. JULIUS ALL DAY. THAT PARK SHOULD BE  
20 CLOSED DOWN. THE PARK ON SIXTH STREET AND GLADYS SHOULD BE  
21 CLOSED DOWN. BLACK MEN SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR WORK. WE SHOULD  
22 HAVE PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR POLITICAL OFFICE INSTEAD OF CRIME  
23 PARTNERS. MANY REMOVE THE PROPERTY DOWN ON MARTIN LUTHER KING  
24 AND MARTIN LUTHER KING AND MARTIN SHOULD BE TORN DOWN, FOR  
25 MARTIN AND MARTIN LUTHER KING TO BE -- MARTIN LUTHER KING AND





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1 CRENSHAW, THAT PROPERTY SHOULD BE DESTROYED. THE PROPERTY ON  
2 MARTIN AND SANTA ROSALIA TO MARTIN AND BIRMINGHAM SHOULD BE  
3 TORN DOWN. WE NEED BETTER LEADERSHIP TODAY. OUR LEADERSHIP HAS  
4 FORGOTTEN US. WE NEED MORE ACCOUNTABILITY. END CONSTRUCTION  
5 FRAUD. WE NEED BETTER BUSSES. WE NEED TO END GOVERNMENT WASTE.  
6 WE NEED MORE GOVERNMENT, WE NEED MORE COURAGE, WE NEED MORE  
7 RESPONSIBILITY, WE NEED TO SAY "NO." OUR CONSTITUTION TEACHES  
8 US AGAINST IMMORALITY, IDOLATRY AND SIN. FORNICATION IS A SIN,  
9 FORNICATION IS AGAINST OUR LAW OF THE CONSTITUTION. WE NEED  
10 MARRIAGE. TOO MANY CHILDREN ARE BORN TODAY OUTSIDE OF WEDLOCK.  
11 TO MANY ORPHANS IS BEING DEVELOPED. TOO MUCH OF FOSTER BEING  
12 DEVELOPED. END CONSTRUCTION --

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. JOHNSON, DO YOU WANT TO  
15 SUMMARIZE, PLEASE? IT'S OVER. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. MR.  
16 WILKINSON.

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18 **KEITH WILKINSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M HERE TO REQUEST RENT  
19 CONTROL IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MY  
20 NAME IS KEITH WILKINSON. I LIVE AT TERRANCE GARDENS MOBILE  
21 HOME PARK, 22516 NORMANDY AVENUE, TORRANCE. WE ARE IN THE  
22 UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES, AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IS  
23 OUR SUPERVISOR. WE ARE A SENIOR PARK, MOST OF US ARE LOW  
24 INCOME. WE OWN OUR OWN HOMES, BUT WE RENT THE SPACE. THERE ARE  
25 63 HOMES IN OUR PARK, APPROXIMATELY 55 ARE OCCUPIED, THREE ARE



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1 FOR SALE BY DEVELOPERS, THREE FOR SALE BY ABSENT RESIDENTS.  
2 ALL THESE THEY PAY SPACE RENT. THREE HAVE BEEN TAKEN OVER BY  
3 THE OWNER OF THE PARK BECAUSE OF NONPAYMENT OF SPACE RENT. IN  
4 2002, UNKNOWN TO US, RESIDENCE IN THE PARK WAS SOLD FOR 1.65  
5 MILLION, APPROXIMATELY 26,190 PER UNIT. MY SPACE AT THE TIME  
6 WAS \$250 A MONTH. OUR LATEST INCREASE NOW BRINGS US TO 575 A  
7 MONTH. THAT'S INCREASING FASTER THAN HEALTHCARE OR ALMOST  
8 ANYTHING ELSE. TWO YEARS AGO, WE FORMED A HOMEOWNERS  
9 ASSOCIATION. AND THROUGH R.O.P., RESIDENT OWNED PARKS, A  
10 SACRAMENTO ORGANIZATION, WE OFFERED TO BUY THE PARK. THE PARK  
11 OWNER INFORMED US THAT HE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN SELLING IT AT  
12 THAT TIME. WHEN WE WERE NOTIFIED OF OUR LATEST INCREASE, 75%  
13 OF OUR RESIDENTS SIGNED A PETITION ASKING THE OWNER TO  
14 RECONSIDER. THE REPLY WAS BASICALLY "NO." I DON'T KNOW WHAT  
15 ELSE WE CAN DO. THE FOLKS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF NORMANDY ARE IN  
16 L.A. CITY AND HAVE RENT CONTROL. 10 BLOCKS TO THE EAST OVER  
17 THE 110 IS CARSON. THEY HAVE RENT CONTROL. I THINK WE NEED IT.  
18 YOU CAN WORK IT OUT FOR YOURSELF, WHETHER 6,900 GROSS INCOME  
19 FROM SENIORS OR 26,000 INVESTMENT IS FAIR AND JUST. PLEASE  
20 HELP US BY REINTRODUCING RENT CONTROL TO THE INCORPORATED  
21 AREAS. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. ALL RIGHT. MR. DIMOV AND  
24 MR. BECKTEL, YOU BETTER COME ON UP.

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1   **JIM DIMOV:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM LITERALLY IN SHOCK TO FIND OUT  
2   THAT THE LOS ANGELES TAX COLLECTOR AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
3   HAVE TURNED THE WEEDS, THE BRUSH OVER WHICH WAS CONVERTED INTO  
4   MONEY, BELIEVE IT OR NOT. WE ALL KNOW THAT MONEY DOES NOT GROW  
5   ON TREE, BUT MONEY GROWS ON WEEDS, BELIEVE IT OR NOT. AND I'M  
6   SO SHOCKED TO SEE EVEN GLORIA MOLINA, MY SUPERVISOR, HAS SENT  
7   A LETTER ON AUGUST 2, 2001, THAT ALL THE MONEY I'VE PAID FOR  
8   MY TAXES HAVE BEEN PROPERLY APPLIED, AND IF I DON'T PAY ON  
9   FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2001, THE BALANCE OF THE TAXES WHICH HAVE  
10   BEEN MORE THAN QUADRUPLD PAID, MY PROPERTY'S GOING TO BE SOLD  
11   ON AUCTION SALE. ALL THE LETTERS I RECEIVE HERE, IN FACT, I  
12   SENT A LETTER TO MIKE ANTONOVICH, YAROSLAVSKY, ZEV  
13   YAROSLAVSKY, AND NOBODY RESPONDED PROPERLY. AND THEN A LETTER  
14   WAS SENT TO ME ON THE 23RD OF APRIL FROM -- THAT ALL THE  
15   PROPERTY HAS, ALL THE TAXES HAVE BEEN PROPERLY APPLIED. AND I  
16   ADDED TO ALL, \$48,000 MORE IN TAXES. THIS IS ROBBERY. THAT'S  
17   NOT FAIR. I WANT MY MONEY TODAY. \$112,691.70 I HAVE PAID. I  
18   WANT THIS MONEY TODAY TO BE RETURNED TO ME BECAUSE I AM  
19   RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, I NEED TO APPEAR ON  
20   TELEVISION. THAT'S NOT FAIR THE WAY YOU TREATED ME. AND ALL  
21   THIS PAPERWORK I RECEIVED AND SENT TO GLORIA MOLINA, THEY'RE  
22   ALL FALSE. GLORIA MOLINA RESPONDED WITH A FALSE STATEMENT THAT  
23   MY TAXES HAVE BEEN PROPERLY APPLIED, AND THAT'S NOT TRUE AT  
24   ALL. AND I WOULD LIKE TODAY TO RECEIVE MY MONEY. PLEASE GIVE  
25   MY MONEY BACK. YOU HAVE ROBBED ME. YOU HAVE DESTROYED MY



1 FAMILY. I LOST MY HOME AND EVERYTHING BECAUSE OF IGNORANCE.  
2 GLORIA MOLINA, YOU BETTER STEP DOWN AND I'LL TAKE OVER YOUR  
3 PLACE AND I'LL STRAIGHTEN OUT THE COUNTY ONCE AND FOREVER.  
4 THAT'S NOT FAIR THE WAY YOU TREATED ME. SINCE 2001, YOU'VE  
5 BEEN AFTER ME TO PAY MY TAXES. -- I PAID MY TAXES. YOU NEVER  
6 RESPONDED PROPERLY. YOU SHOULD BE RECALLED. YOU HAVE NO RIGHT  
7 TO BE THERE BECAUSE YOU HAVE MISTREATED ME.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. DIMOV, ONE OF THE MISTAKES  
10 I MADE WAS TREATING YOU LIKE EVERY OTHER CONSTITUENT. AND THAT  
11 IS RESPONDING TO YOU. WE LOOKED UP WITHIN ALL OF OUR RECORDS,  
12 THE TAX RECORDS WHICH IS WHAT WE HAVE--

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14 **JIM DIMOV:** I HAVE THE ANSWER.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME SIR, DON'T ARGUE. I ALREADY -- I  
17 LET YOU SPEAK. WE LOOKED UP THE RECORDS, WE GAVE YOU THE  
18 FACTS. I CANNOT CHANGE FACTS TO MEET YOUR NEEDS. MR. DIMOV,  
19 YOU WILL NEVER EVER GET ANOTHER LETTER FROM ME EVER AGAIN  
20 BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET ANY HELP FROM ME ANYMORE. YOU  
21 OWE WHAT IS ON THERE AND I'M SORRY THAT YOU CANNOT DEAL WITH  
22 THE REALITY OF THE DAY, BUT THANK YOU. THAT'S ENOUGH.

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24 **JIM DIMOV:** THE REALITY--

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS, YOU'RE NEXT.

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3    **JIM DIMOV:** THIS IS FALSE, GLORIA MOLINA. THIS IS FALSE, WHAT  
4    YOU'RE TELLING ME.

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6    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, SIR. THANK YOU, SIR. MR. SACHS, IF  
7    YOU DON'T BEGIN, YOUR TIME IS GOING TO START RIGHT NOW.

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9    **WALTER BECKTEL:** YOU HAVE TO CHALLENGE IT IN COURTROOM.

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11    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME MUST START RIGHT NOW.

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13    **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M BEING INTERRUPTED HERE.

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15    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS, PROCEED.

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17    **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. TURNS OUT THE ANSWER WAS TODAY. THE  
18    ANSWER TO MY QUESTION REGARDING M.T.A. POLICY HAPPENED RIGHT  
19    HERE IN THESE CHAMBERS. THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY  
20    COMMISSION. THAT'S WHAT WE NEED FOR THE M.T.A., QUALITY AND  
21    PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION. MY FIRST QUESTION WOULD BE, YOU HAVE  
22    A PROJECT, YOU CHAMPIONSHIPED THIS PROJECT, YOU CHAMPIONSHIPED  
23    THIS PROJECT, YOU PUSHED THIS PROJECT, YOU OPEN UP OFFICES FOR  
24    THE PROJECT, YOU PUT OUT NEWSLETTERS FOR THE PROJECT, YOU  
25    SPEND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR THIS PROJECT. WHO



1 KNOWS, MAYBE EVEN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. AND THEN WHEN THE MONEY  
2 COMES OUT, YOU GIVE THE MONEY TO ANOTHER PROJECT. WE'RE THE  
3 SAME PROJECT. IS THAT QUALITY OR PRODUCTIVITY? WHICH PART OF  
4 THE EQUATION WOULD THAT FOCUS ON? BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED  
5 WITH THE BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. I KNOW. STATE  
6 LEGISLATION CREATED THE BLUE LINE. IT SECRETLY MORPHED INTO  
7 THE GOLD LINE. TOO BAD WE COULDN'T HAVE THAT HAPPEN TO THE  
8 GREEN LINE. CAN THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BUILD THE  
9 GREEN LINE TO THE AIRPORT? WE KNOW WE NEED THE CONSTRUCTION  
10 AUTHORITY. AND THEN IT WAS THE GOLD LINE. THE GOLD LINE FROM  
11 WHENEVER, THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR 2000, 2001 TO 2010. AND  
12 YET WHEN IT WAS TIME TO GET THE MONEY, WHO GOT THE MONEY? THE  
13 BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. MAKES ABSOLUTELY -- RULE  
14 NUMBER ONE FOR THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION. WHEN  
15 IN DOUBT, SEE RULE NUMBER TWO. THAT'S METRO'S WAY OF  
16 OPERATING. MAYBE YOU'VE READ OF THE HIGH SPEED RAIL. THIS IS  
17 AN EDITORIAL IN TODAY'S "DAILY BREEZE," IS GOING NOWHERE FAST.  
18 A RECENT STATE AUDIT, AND THIS IS PART OF THE EDITORIAL,  
19 UNCOVERED GROSS MISMANAGEMENT AND MISUSE OF FUNDS BY THE RAIL  
20 AUTHORITY. CHAMPIONED BY METRO. A GROSS MISMANAGEMENT AND  
21 MISUSE OF FUNDS. CHAMPIONED BY METRO. I KNOW. IT'S A MANTRA  
22 AND IT SOUNDS REDUNDANT. BUT LOOK AT THE TRACK RECORD. AND BY  
23 THE WAY, I BELIEVE NEXT WEEK THE CITY COUNCIL IS GOING TO  
24 CONSIDER AN ITEM ON THEIR AGENDA REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF A  
25 HIGH-RISE AT SAN VICENTE AND PICO. AND THAT WAS THE TERMINUS



1 FOR A LINE THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE EXTENDED FROM WILSHIRE  
2 WESTERN TO SAN VICENTE AND PICO. NEVER BUILT, NEVER DONE,  
3 NEVER HAPPENED. GROSS MISMANAGEMENT AND MISUSE BY A GOVERNMENT  
4 AUTHORITY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, ANSWERS AND ATTENTION. OH,  
5 QUICKLY, IS THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER STILL HAVING CLASSES ON  
6 MEMORIAL DAY FOR POLL WORKERS?

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. BECKTEL?

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10 **WALTER BECKTEL:** HELLO. MY NAME IS WALTER C. B.E.C.K.T.E.L.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BECKTEL, I APOLOGIZE.

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14 **WALTER BECKTEL:** THAT'S ALL RIGHT. I JUST WANTED TO SAY  
15 SOMETHING ABOUT THE ARCHIVES. I DO A LOT OF GENEALOGY RESEARCH  
16 AND I NOTICE THAT WHEN WE ASK FOR AN ARCHIVE FROM THE  
17 HISTORICAL ARCHIVES, THERE'S AN UNUSUALLY LARGE PERCENTAGE OF  
18 MISSING FILES. I WAS GIVEN AN AFFIDAVIT THAT THE FILE EXISTS,  
19 THE LAST ONE I LOOKED FOR, BUT IT JUST ISN'T AVAILABLE FOR  
20 VIEWING. I THINK THAT, AND THIS HAS BEEN OVER SEVERAL YEARS  
21 NOW, DIFFERENT THINGS I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR, I THINK WE NEED  
22 TO -- SOMEBODY NEEDS TO DO SOMETHING OVER THERE IN CHATSWORTH  
23 OR WHEREVER THE FILES ARE BEING KEPT. IT'S ALMOST 50 PERCENT  
24 OF EVERYTHING I GO TO LOOK FOR IS MISSING. I WAS TOLD -- ONCE  
25 I WAS TOLD THERE WAS A FIRE. ANOTHER TIME I WAS TOLD THAT





1    THERE WAS A SEWAGE BREAK OR SOMETHING AND THERE'S ALWAYS SOME  
2    KIND OF EXCUSE. I'M NOT SATISFIED, BECAUSE I TALKED TO ONE OF  
3    THE BOXING PEOPLE THAT DO THE DELIVERIES AND HE SAID, WELL,  
4    EVERYTHING WAS JUST THROWN INTO BOXES WHEN THEY SHIPPED THEM  
5    FROM OVER HERE TO CHATSWORTH, SO THEY'RE NOT SURE WHERE THEY  
6    ARE. I THINK THAT WE NEED -- SOMEBODY NEEDS TO GO THROUGH THE  
7    FILES, THOSE FILES IN MANY CASES PROVE LAND OWNERSHIPS AND  
8    OTHER THINGS THAT GO BACK A HUNDRED YEARS OR SO AND IT'S  
9    IMPORTANT FOR THE CITY AND FOR GENEALOGISTS AND OTHER REASONS  
10    TO MAKE SURE YOU KEEP THE FILES, BECAUSE AND FOR THE OTHER  
11    REASONS THAT I'M NOT SURE OF. IF YOU DON'T KEEP YOUR FILES, I  
12    WAS TOLD YOU CAN'T RUN A GOVERNMENT WITHOUT PROPER RECORDS OF  
13    WHAT'S GOING ON. IF SOMEBODY COULD SAY, WELL, SINCE YOU LOST A  
14    FILE AND I SAY THAT MY GREAT, GREAT GRANDFATHER OWNED THE  
15    ENTIRE CITY OF MONITA, WHICH IS NOW GARDENA, CAN MAKE ACTIONS  
16    IN THE COURTROOM TO TAKE BACK THAT PART OF LAND IF YOU PEOPLE  
17    ARE NOT MANAGING IT PROPERLY AND PEOPLE COULD START MAKING  
18    CLAIMS AND THINGS. YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP YOUR RECORDS UP OVER  
19    THERE. YOU CAN'T JUST THROW THINGS INTO BOXES AND NOT BE ABLE  
20    TO LOCATE THEM. THE ONLY RECORDS NOW THAT I KNOW THAT EXIST ON  
21    A CASE THAT I'M ON IS THE RECORDS MY FAMILY HAS, AND I'M NOT  
22    SURE IF WE'RE GOING TO FILE ANYTHING OR NOT. BUT JUST FOR YOUR  
23    OWN INFORMATION, YOU SHOULD KEEP YOUR ARCHIVES IN BETTER SHAPE  
24    THAN WHAT YOU'RE KEEPING THEM OVER THERE.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES  
2    ALL OF OUR PUBLIC COMMENT, THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF OUR ITEMS, SO  
3    I'LL HAVE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED  
4    SESSION, PLEASE.

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6    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
7    NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
8    CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. CS-1, CONFERENCE  
9    WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION OF LITIGATION, ONE  
10    CASE, AND ITEM NO. CS-2, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATE FOR  
11    APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES AND  
12    CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR LISA M. GARRETT, DIRECTOR OF  
13    PERSONNEL. AND ITEM NO. CS-3, PURSUANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY  
14    CODE SECTION 1461, THE BOARD WILL BE DISCUSSING THE FINDINGS  
15    OF THE QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWS RELATED TO THE PROVISIONS OF  
16    CARE AT THE OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER'S NEONATAL INTENSIVE  
17    CARE UNIT AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.  
18    PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF  
19    SUPERVISORS WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 1, 2010, AT 1:00 P.M. THANK  
20    YOU.

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1           REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON MAY 25, 2010

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5       CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

6       (Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

7       Initiation of litigation (one case) (10-1164)

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9       The Board authorized County Counsel to initiate litigation,  
10      the details of which will be provided upon request when the  
11      litigation is filed.

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13      In closed session, items CS-2 and CS-3 were continued one week  
14      to June 1, 2010.

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2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do  
3 hereby certify:

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8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived  
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11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th  
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